



The Weather
Oakland, vicinity,
Santa Clara, Sacramento and San
Joaquin Valleys—
Threatening, with
rain tonight and
Friday; moderate
easterly wind.

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EAST BAY CITIES TO FIGHT ABSORPTION

Future of Continental Side of
S. F. Bay Must Not Be
Placed in Jeopardy, Declares
Leaders in Big Development

Aroused to a spontaneous expression of civic pride by the renewed proposal for annexation advanced by San Francisco, the citizens of Oakland and the east bay cities are preparing to show the public that they are a separate and distinct entity, that this city is determined to preserve its identity as one of the leading commercial and industrial centers of the United States. Opposition to the scheme is developing from day to day to a tide of public opinion that will prove irresistible.

For the crystallization of this opinion in a formal statement of the will of the people, plans are being made for a great meeting to be held next week. A committee is being selected by President Joseph H. King of the Chamber of Commerce to gather the trend of feeling from organizations and individual citizens and prepare for a concerted resistance to the suggestion of annexation.

Statewide publicity to inform the various interested communities of California of the opportunity of Oakland business men, commercial factors and financial heads of the east bay district to the suggested annexation plan of San Francisco, was started today by the Chamber of Commerce.

CAMPAIGN OF STATE

The plans outlined for this purpose include a comprehensive campaign to place in the hands of the bulk of the voters of the state, through commercial organizations, chambers of commerce and industrial associations, an expression of this spirit of opposition. The idea to correct any impression which may go out from San Francisco, that the annexation idea was meeting with approval on the east bay section of the state.

In addition to the publicity campaign, personal letters are being written to every senator and member of the State Legislature, outlining Oakland's opposition to the projected move and giving the reasons why efforts should not be made at the next session of the Legislature to make an amendment to the state constitution which might result in a state constitutional amendment, making the annexation a possibility.

Managing Director Joseph E. Caine in discussing the scope of this campaign said:

We want California, from one end to the other, to recognize Oakland as a separate identity. We are not for consolidation. We have not been. In ten years at the outset, we will lead the east commercially and industrially. We do not intend to have political manipulation extinguish the torch which light the gateway to the Orient for the whole commercial world.

DEBT GROWING.

More significant figures relative to the financial burdens which Oakland and the east bay cities have been compelled to assume in the event of an annexation to San Francisco are being pointed out by those most active in combating the project—now facing the people of Alameda county for the third time. The data are taken from the report of the Bureau of Municipal Research of New York, issued for the Realty Board of San Francisco after an exhaustive survey of the city. The following figures show the increasing interest which San Francisco has been paying on its bonded indebtedness:

1900-07 \$ 152,524.75
1907-08 143,325.00
1908-09 209,739.00
1909-10 588,531.50
1910-11 788,119.75
1911-12 897,223.00
1912-13 1,161,131.00
1913-14 1,691,169.50
1914-15 1,968,221.00
1915-16 2,174,952.00
1916-17 2,101,317.00

The cost of debt service, says the report, during 1916-17, which includes interest charges and bond redemptions, is about 20 percent of the city's entire budget appropriation.

S. F. FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

With this steadily increasing burden of debt, the city faces a dilemma. Financiers point out that San Francisco has reached the limit of her bonding power under the State constitution, and that she must either acquire more territory with considerable increments in assessed valuations or give up the bond idea, as New York City has done, and levy a direct tax yearly on the values for the purpose of meeting the extraordinary expenditures for improvements. In either event the burden would be more widely distributed if Oakland and other communities were annexed.

At the regular weekly meeting of the manufacturers' committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, held yes-

Attack Annexation
District Clubs Against
Opposition Is Growing

Improvement club officials and leaders in the activities of semi-civic organizations are opposed to the plan of San Francisco to annex the east bay cities. Following are some of the opinions expressed today:

By E. L. VANDER NAILLEN.
President Alden Library and Improvement Club.

I believe that the question of the annexation of the east bay cities to San Francisco is such an important one that it should be given a most thorough investigation and consideration. The great interest of every city around the bay is to make San Francisco Bay one of the leading harbors of the world. The development of the natural advantages of the waterfront is really a matter for national attention.

It seems to me, however, that cooperation between the different cities is the best manner in which to accomplish what we all wish to bring about. If this annexation project is a mere selfish move for aggrandizement on the part of San Francisco, it should be combated.

By MRS. SARAH C. BORLAND.

Oakland Civic Center.

This proposal for annexation of the east bay cities on the part of San Francisco is a most reprehensible instance of unenlightened selfishness. I had hoped that the defunct administration two years ago would definitely put an end to such plans for the extinction of neighboring municipalities.

There is no reason why each side of the bay should not have its separate metropolis. Minneapolis and St. Paul continue to grow amicably in their close proximity and each maintains its individuality. Annexation would mean the absolute extinction of Oakland. The name would cling for a time to the Borough, but it would be forgotten. Whoever heard of Brooklyn since it became a part of Greater New York?

There was a time a year ago when Oakland was a bedchamber for San Francisco. But that time has long passed. Oakland had assumed a definite individuality and was beginning to take her place among the cities of the state before the San Francisco fire of 1906. Since that date Oakland has made decided strides that the city across the bay is casting jealous eyes and covetous hands towards our commercial and industrial advantages. We must make a concerted fight against this aggressive policy.

By DOWNTOWN PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

Resolutions condemning the annexation proposal were adopted by the Downtown Property Owners' Association at its meeting last night, as follows:

Whereas, An effort is being made by San Francisco to foist upon the people of California legislation designed to make the city of San Francisco the east bay cities to San Francisco, despite opposition of the east bay voters.

Resolved, That the Downtown Property Owners' Association strenuously opposes such proposed legislation as manifestly unjust, and, believing that any form of governmental amalgamation with San Francisco in the immediate future would be unwise and unwise and of no advantage to Oakland, this organization pledges its active support to organized opposition to the annexation a possibility.

By E. K. STROBRECK,

Former State Senator.

This program of annexation is an old one. We first came in contact with it in the legislature in 1905. I am against it and always have been. Until the spirit of co-operation is more manifest between San Francisco and the east bay communities, it does not think it is a good proposition for us. We have everything to lose and nothing to gain that I can see.

By E. W. WOODWARD.

President Steinway Terrace Improvement Club.

I have studied the annexation idea from all points of view, during the campaigns which San Francisco has waged before, and I have never been able to find a cogent reason in favor of the project. Oakland has reached a point in its development as a metropolis that places it indisputably in the rank of great cities, and to give up this achievement and abandon individuality would be a move unprofitable by any means.

Oakland is not a territory that can be considered contiguous to San Francisco. With eight miles of water separating us from that city, it would be most absurd to contemplate annexation. Physically, commercially and industrially Oakland is an entity without any relation to San Francisco—save that of friendly rival.

By MRS. A. C. CHRISTENSEN,

President Melrose Civic Center.

Oakland does not need the guiding hand of San Francisco to be led into greatness. The city has attained a size and importance self-sustaining and its destiny is manifest as an

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FOR \$ YOU
In the "For Sale" and "Wanted" Columns of Today's Tribune.

\$60,000,000 MADE ON WAR 'TIP' CHARGE

Inside Information" on Wilson's Peace Note Netted Big Profit to Speculators, Says Lawson to U. S. Legislator

Sensational Allegation in His Message to Representative Wood; Can Be Found at Any Time, Further Says Accuser

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Over sixty million dollars was made in Wall street by buying and selling advance information on President Wilson's peace note, according to a telegram received today from Thomas Lawson by Representative Wood of Indiana. The telegram follows:

New York, Dec. 27.—Just read today's New York papers. You and Chairman Henry unable to locate me, really! Framed over my desk is an envelope inscribed "To Thomas W. Lawson." No other address. To settle a question, I am in the interior town in China and landed at my office in record short time.

If you and Chairman Henry wish to communicate with me, toss a postcard from any window in the capitol addressed "Thomas W. Lawson," or "T. W. L., Boston," and you will receive answer by return mail.

OFFERS A "TIP."

Take a tip from one who has played the big Washington-Wall Street game and the big international game long gone before you were old enough to distinguish between a stock exchange and a Congressional ball—spend less time on last week and more time on this week's lead, which is liable to inundate both Wall Street and Washington.

There were only sixty-odd million hogs headed from last week's tip this week's tip, run into billions.

And this tip, too, is meant in the best sense, it is believed, actually believed in Washington that was to be a real investigation of last week's leads there would not be a quorum in either the Senate or House next Monday and there would be a shifting of bank accounts similar to those in the good old sugar investigation days.

Whether or not, I receive a post card from you or Chairman Henry, rest easy in the knowledge I will answer your public talkings as reported by the press and that when you digest my answer you will know more about Washington-Wall Street stock gambling leads than before you began trying to locate "Thomas W. Lawson."

Also be said, his plant is the only other one in this country, outside

the Edison laboratories at Orange, N. J., that is actually employed in working out chemical processes for commercialization. The only thing lacking in this country to make it foremost in manufacture in all lines is technical skill, he declared, and in this, he asserted, his plant is more advanced than a university, in educating young men along the line of endeavor.

He said that one of his former workmen, an Oakland youth, is now engaged in the establishing of a \$35,000,000 plant in England; that he has worked out a solution of a process for extracting nitrate of soda which will revolutionize the industry and that a \$1,000,000 plant will soon be erected in China.

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DEBT MOTIVES ANNEXATION

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Today in the Hotel Oakland, the members of the organization unanimously refused to endorse or speak favorably on the San Francisco proposition for annexation. This infernal vote against the move followed an address by Joseph H. King, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in which he urged united opposition to the move.

Every time San Francisco imports an expert to find out what is wrong with it, it starts a flurry about annexation. In 1910 Bion J. Arnold said development would be on the east shore, after studying the San Francisco transportation conditions. They went after us then. Then they employed more experts, and started out a program to attack our civic and lighting system development. Now they have raised their bond indebtedness 1,100 percent in ten years, increased the tax rate and forced the assessed valuation of property. Now again they are picking on the east bay because they need the taxable property we have over here.

REALIZE DANGER. We don't know how far San Francisco will go in this fight. Some leaders over there think the situation is desperate, which means that they probably will go the limit. We must get together on this thing here, and that quickly. We have the city with the biggest industrial future on the coast. The great city of the future, the one that can supply the vast fulfilling of commerce and industry at the lowest possible price. This we can do and San Francisco is afraid of us.

H. C. Capwell, another speaker at the meeting, declared that San Francisco was trying to "seduce" Oakland into an unholy commercial and political alliance to the disadvantage of local interests. He said:

San Francisco has hooked everything in Oakland. Now she has gone into the padding business peddling annexation. If this city doesn't like the problem of seeing Mayor Rolph sitting in our City Hall it must get action. This consolidation looks like a race for population between Los Angeles and San Francisco. I will give \$1 to tell the people in San Francisco will annex the east bay until they meet, and then shake hands and shut up, if they leave us out of the mess.

UNITE HERE FIRST.

San Franciscans say they put the "O. K." in Oakland. Well, we are going to put another "O. K." in Oakland, and we are going to spell it "soak" and "sank" this consolidation proposition good and hard. Our first efforts to consolidate our different factions on this side of the bay for the fight we have on our hands.

Harrison S. Robinson, former head of the Civil Service Board, declared San Francisco was "unhappily situated in a political way. He said:

San Francisco's disabilities would be based on the east bay district. If the San Francisco situation is as bad as it appears, let's get something good out of it for Alameda county. We should make plain to the public in an emphatic way our objections and resistance to this proposition of San Francisco's.

Councilwoman to Ask
Curfew Act Be Invoked

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Councilwoman Lindsey, in behalf of the child welfare committee, will ask the council to re-enact the curfew act here.

Oakland Has the Sole Say
As to Merger With
San Francisco

(San Francisco Bulletin, December 27)

Whatever might be the advantages of consolidation between San Francisco and Oakland there would be no advantage that could at all outweigh the disadvantage that would exist if Oakland were dissatisfied with the arrangement.

Nobody with any sane regard for the future could wish for a moment to carry on a plan whereby Oakland, against the preference of her own citizens, would be deprived of her identity. Even the most eager proponents of consolidation must pause at such a prospect. For San Francisco to acquire the larger, older population and a higher rating in the census might be very pleasant, but might also have certain business advantages. But there would be a far more decided business disadvantage, if Oaklanders' rights were to be disregarded. In so acquiring these added residents, San Francisco would in fact alienate them.

Consolidation between Oakland and San Francisco is strictly a matter that is up to Oakland. San Francisco can only propose, argue and urge; San Francisco cannot and ought not to compel. Nor have the voters of interior California, or Southern California, or any other section of California, any interest comparable to Oakland's interest. Even San Francisco herself is not so vitally involved as Oakland.

Oakland, apparently, does not at present want to come into the San Francisco fold. That may be regrettable; but it is Oakland's right. If the matter is not settled by the time yet unsupposed to vote her in, Oakland would be justly disgruntled. Until both of the two large bay cities would be hurt, not helped. And, after all, question is of unity.

Oakland, it seems, has a consolidation project of her own. She wants to unite all Alameda county under a city-county government system. In this matter her position is exactly similar to the position of San Francisco on transbay consolidation. Here again it is not the province of the larger city to compel the smaller ones. And here again it is the privilege of the smaller cities to refuse the invitation of the larger. So it must always be. The smaller city has the say.

As to the census statistics which set forth that Los Angeles is now the largest city on the Pacific Coast and that San Francisco is in second place—there need not be considered as particularly disquieting.

Now juggling with boundary lines can make a dozen good-sized villages into a doce city.

San Francisco as compared with Los Angeles has the big harbor, the big-city tradition, the big-city institutions, the big-city men and the big-city spirit. What is more, San Francisco and its region still has the bulk of the population. This excess of population is the one point that strikes home in a business argument. It would not be affected one way or the other by any centralization of municipal governments. And it is a condition not likely soon to be altered.

GERMANY MAY TELL
TERMS TO WIN PEACECentral Powers Would, in Confidence,
Detail Offer to Keep "Door Open"

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known here today, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the entente belligerents to enter a conference without prior knowledge of her terms. It has been forecast that Germany had no intention of asking the entente to make public its terms and at the same time would not publicly divulge her own under any consideration.

The Central Powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson, should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There were broad intimations today that a statement of this position by Germany either had been communicated to the United States or soon would be.

The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson, not arrived today, and it was described as confidential communication from Ambassador Gerard accompanied it. There is indication that a confidential statement of Germany's position, if made, would come through the ambassador. It has been announced in advance, however, that it would not be made public, and it is likely that even its receipt would not be admitted.

DEIP IS NEEDED.

Germany, it was said today, is looking to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference, and that is the main reason to consider any suggestion from the President. As the case stands now the German government considers it has met all the President's proposals, according to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Germany's position is represented as one of willingness to impart her terms to the Central powers first, if that is absolutely necessary to a conference, but still prefers to receive them for presentation at a round table where they could be discussed with more freedom.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The fear that if present peace negotiations fail this nation then must clear its slate on the submarine situation with Germany grew apace today.

There is now no mistaking, officials believe, that President Wilson's peace notes to belligerents and the two subsequent "explanations" by Secretary Lansing, in effect, constituted a warning against any unbridled acts of war that would involve American lives or rights.

Germany, it is authoritatively stated, never had believed that, acting alone, she would be able to bring about a conference. Now that the influence of neutrals has been brought to bear for one, the Central powers have taken their view a step further and believe they cannot be successful without assistance of the United States. They believe that the United States, in view of its vital interest in the settlement of the war, would not be adverse to participating, because it has been represented as desiring most of all to see the peace terms made provision for the future security of the world.

Without participation by the United States in that phase, it is felt the results would be without effect.

ROUND TABLE WANTED.

There were intimations today that Germany's position on all these points had been conveyed by Foreign Minis-

ter.

ENTENTE REPLY READY.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Despatches of the allies' reply to Germany's peace proposal is imminent.

Information today indicated that the physiology of the identical notes to be sent to the entente nations had practically been settled upon.

From authoritative sources it is learned that the allied notes will contain:

A rejection of a peace based on German-made plans.

A vigorous-worded summary of the principles for which the allies contend they are fighting—to remove the menace of militarism, to might over right, of the rule of force over international law.

Practically the allies will make still clearer their aims and purposes by a recital of the "crimes" for which they propose to hold Germany responsible.

REPLY TO SWISS.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—Germany and Austria have replied to Switzerland's reiteration of President Wilson's peace suggestions with practicality and clearness in which they acknowledged the American note, despatches from Germany said today.

In addition, it was said in reply, declared that Swiss collaboration in the securing of world peace was most agreeable to the peoples of the central powers and Bulgaria.

Sues Daughter for
Return of Grandson

Mrs. Lillian Gugeler, formerly Mrs. Thomas Duncan, was cited to appear before Superior Judge Murasky in San Francisco on January 15 with her 8-year-old son to explain why she has not returned the boy to the custody of her mother, Mrs. Mary Kreeck of Oakland. Mrs. Kreeck obtained the citation this morning. She was awarded custody of the lad when Mrs. Gugeler obtained a divorce from her first husband in 1913. On September 5, it is claimed, Mrs. Gugeler took the child from a school in East Oakland and took him to San Francisco. On the day she obtained a license to marry Gugeler she was located by the police, but she managed to keep the control of her child.

WASHINGTON MARKET
LESSER BROTHERS
"MARKET OF QUALITY."

PLEASE NOTE: Our Blue Ribbon Beef which was on display for Christmas will be ON SALE tomorrow and Saturday at our usual prices.

Our Christmas business was the largest in our history. We advertised the price on turkeys and lived up to our advertising and did not sell any higher.

For New Year's we will again have a splendid stock of all fresh dressed California and Nevada turkeys at the lowest possible prices. Every turkey guaranteed. Also all kinds of poultry, fricassee, hens, roasting chickens, frys, broilers, geese and ducks at lowest prices. Special, Suckling Pigs, all sizes.

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Cor. 9th and Washington Streets, Oakland.

TROOPS AT
BORDER FIRE
UPON REBELSKentuckian Guards Exchange
Fusillade Over Rio Grande
When Night Attack Occurs;
Villistas Are Driven to CoverCarranza Government Rushes
Men and Supplies to Halt the
Drives Upon Saltillo and
Monterey; Revolt Is Growing

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico west of here early today by members of the Kentucky National Guard, whose officers declared that the fusillade was a reply to shots fired from the Mexican side. So spirited was the American fire that residents of the district thought a machine gun was being used. This was denied by the Kentucky officers. There were no known injuries.

Captain E. W. Clarke, in command of Company L, Third Kentucky Infantry, which did the firing, affirmed that he not only heard shots and saw flashes on the Mexican side, but also saw some Mexicans when the headlight of a street car crossing a bridge lit the bed of the river below. He said:

About four shots were fired at our detached post when one of the men struck a match to light a cigarette. The detachment had fired about fifteen shots when we joined in.

I made out several men afoot and on horse running up the river gorge. Firing seemed to come from several other points. We kept up our fire until we were sure the Mexicans were driven well out. Several hundred shots were fired by.

TO ATTACK CHIHUAHUA.

Francisco Villa's forces are preparing to attack Chihuahua City and Juarez simultaneously in an effort to establish railroad traffic between the border and Torreon. It was said late today by a man known to be close to Villa.

A Mexican refugee who arrived here today from Torreon said that Villa was preparing to move north with a column of approximately 6,000 men in order to attack Chihuahua City.

Every energy of the Carranza government today is directed toward rushing troops to Saltillo and Monterrey to head off the advance of Villa's bandit army upon those cities and Tapachula, according to reports reaching this city authorities here. General Benjamin Hill, commander in the federal district around Mexico City, is reported preparing to start north with troop trains to take charge of the campaign against Villa. Fighting at Montezuma, a short distance below Juarez, is reported.

Improvement Clubs
Strongly Opposed to
Annexation Plan

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entity. It is unfortunate that the annexation project should have to be fought again if we deflected it once and it can't be done.

The organization of which I am an officer is of one mind on this important matter, and we will be aligned as active workers if the necessity arises.

By J. A. LONG,
Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Richmond.

I cannot see any advantage for east by west if they are annexed to San Francisco. The advantage industrially of the cities and Richmond is much vaster in proportion to the population than the advantage on the mountains. For that reason I am not in favor of San Francisco's proposal to annex Oakland.

By E. J. CARRARD,
Mayor of Richmond.

The east bay cities of Alameda county should consolidate as one. Two matter of Oakland joining with San Francisco could rest for a generation and then be considered. The advance in the industrial needs of the course of neutrals would be embarrassed by the continuance of this separation with the possibilities of debated or measures being injected into the situation which might be disturbing to America's delicate adjustment in international affairs.

Best information today was that President Wilson will desire to have the national legislature in session if there is any indication between now and the time of the close of the present Congress that peace is possible.

Otherwise, it was stated, the administration would be embarrassed by the continuance of this separation with the possibilities of debated or measures being injected into the situation which might be disturbing to America's delicate adjustment in international affairs.

BY JOSEPH BROOKS,
Superintendent of the Standard Oil Company, Richmond.

Richmond needs but to look out for herself and not be gathered in by the rest of the cities. Personally I have not given the matter much consideration.

Scottish Rite Host
at Children's Party

The annual Christmas celebration, given by the Oakland Scottish Rite bodies, for the children of the members, was held last night at Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1433 Madison street. A Christmas tableau entertainment, entitled "A Trip to Santa Claus' Home," and music comprised the features of the evening's program. More than 200 children were present, received gifts from the big Christmas tree. The attendance was more than 500 persons. The celebration was in charge of the following committee: O. Riehl (chairman), Benjamin C. Hill and Frank Rittigstein.

Venire of 200 Drawn
for Trial for Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—A special venire of 200 jurors was drawn from the panel this morning in Superior Judge Franklin Griffin's court for the trial of Thomas Mooney, labor leader, accused of murder in connection with the preparedness parade bombing. The trial will begin January 1, and Attorney Burke Cockran is now en route from New York to act as chief counsel for the defense.

Caplan Gets 10 Years;
Is Maximum Penalty

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Denying the motion for a new trial for David Caplan, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the Los Angeles Times dynamiting in 1910, Superior Judge Willis sentenced Caplan to ten years' imprisonment today.

Guyenemer, Aviator,
Wings 25th German

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Sub-Lieutenant Guyenemer, France's premier aviator, has brought down his twenty-fifth German aeroplane, today's official statement asserted. The report detailed considerable aerial activity on the western front with aerial bombing expeditions on Rombach, Dilligen, Brie and Hagondange. Two French dirigibles, it was said, bombarded factories at Neuskirchen.

Sinks 138 Ships; Gets
German Honor Award

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—Submarine Commander Valentiner of the German Order Pour le Mérite for his exploits in sinking 138 ships with a total of 282,000 tons, according to Berlin despatches received here today.

Food Demonstrations
Are Many in Austria

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Daily food demonstrations in the chief cities of Austria-Hungary, great misery, with hundreds of suicides during December, were reported in Exchange Telegraph despatches from Geneva today.

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Take LAXATIVE PHOMO GROWTH Tablets
Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c
Advertisement50 Survivors of
Steamer LandedTwo Americans on List
of Sankaku Maru

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—Fifty survivors of the passengers and crew of the steamer Sankaku Maru, which was wrecked off Osefuro, landed safely according to a despatch from that city received today. The survivors include two American passengers.

A few Chinese passengers escaped by boats to Daifun before the other passengers left the Sankaku.

The fate of the remainder of the 400 passengers and crew who were aboard the Sankaku when she went aground is not made clear by the despatches. It is feared, however, that many may have frozen to death.

First despatches yesterday stated that there were 400 passengers and crew aboard the Sankaku when she went ashore. Today's advices indicated for only fifty American and Japanese and "a few Chinese passengers." This would leave the unaccounted for approximately 350. Despatches from Tokio do not indicate clearly the probable fate of these, except to express the ominous fear that many may have frozen to death.

For many years Levy conducted a chain of stores throughout the State, known as the Red Front establishments.

Known to this country while in his teens and settled in California. He has been resident of the State for the past forty years. Surviving him are a widow, Mrs. Anne Levy, and a son, Morse Levy. He was a member of the Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite in Masonic and had affiliations with Islam Temple of the Shrine.

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Following a sudden heart attack, Louis Levy, retired merchant and widely known Mason of Central California, succumbed this morning at his home, 580 Thirty-third street. Masonic rites will be held for him tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Twelfth and Washington streets Temple. Interment will follow.

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EXPLOSION CLEWS FAIL POLICE SUSPECT CRANK



Lassen Displays Double Eruption

Thousand-foot Column of Smoke Rises

REDDING, Dec. 28.—A "double eruption" of Mount Lassen, California's volcano, has been in progress since sunrise today, presenting a beautiful spectacle.

Two columns of smoke rose from the mountain. One came from the main crater, ascending 1,000 feet before mushrooming out. The second came from the northeastern crater and was only half as large as the other.

The dense clouds of smoke, rising about 300 yards apart, were brilliantly illuminated by the sun's rays.

Placing of Explosive at Hutchinson Home Is Mystery

(Continued From Page 1)

dents of Contra Costa county, and the recent unmasking of alleged operations of the ring in San Francisco, are now believed to be part of one gigantic plot.

That the whole tangled skein of blackmail episodes may go back to the days of Lieutenant Joseph Pe-trofitt of the New York police department in Sicily in 1909, and that the headquarters of the gang which has mulcted merchants, business men, and others out of thousands of dollars in

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Music, Dancing and Entertainment. Make reservations now. Phone Oakland 1826.

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"Will lunch at the Saddle Rock every day
To keep the Blues and Gloom away."

HOLE BLOWN IN WALL OF HUTCHINSON RESIDENCE, 274 NINETEENTH STREET, BY PERSONS WHOSE LETTER DEMANDING MONEY HAD BEEN UNANSWERED. FACSIMILE OF ONE OF THE LETTERS.

blackmail may be in the East, is the theory of detectives who are at work on the case.

The police departments of Oakland and San Francisco have been working in conjunction with United States Secret Agent Harry Moffit of San Francisco for some time in an effort to unravel the operations of the gang.

Theodore Ratis has made a microscopic examination of more than 100 letters, containing threats of personal injury unless money was paid, received in various parts of the country.

He is of the opinion that they are the work of an organization who are making a regular business of systematic blackmail.

SIMILAR ACTS.

The blowing up of the Hutchinson home last night, in certain respects, according to the police, was similar to the attempted dynamiting of the home of Frank Palenzona in San Francisco, following a pistol duel with three members of the gang, who were captured by civilians and turned over to the police. The cases of the latter have not yet come up in the superior court. The shooting following the receipt of threatening letters by Grassi several days prior to the duel.

Estimates by the police of the bay district, who have been working in

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These are absolutely new cars, fully equipped and fully guaranteed.

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ATTACHE IS HONORED.
MARTINELLI, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Johnston entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening. After dinner, there was music and dancing. Miss Martinelli with piano, selections, and singing by Alvin McMahon and A. J. McMahon. The party was in honor of the attaché among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ormsby, Miss Jean McLean, Miss Irene Costello, T. M. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarlson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Carlson of Oakland, Alice and John Johnson of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Johnston.

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Out to-day New Victor Records for January

Gluck and Homer in an exquisite old song

The favorite "Long, Long Ago" possesses a tenderness and pathos beautiful in their simplicity. It is a song worthy of the attention of such illustrious artists as Gluck and Homer, and they give an exceedingly beautiful presentation.

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This famous soprano has a peculiar faculty of getting at the heart of the song she sings. A distinctive trait that is exceptionally noticeable in this pathetic composition, and to hear it sung is to be charmed by the singer's consummate art.

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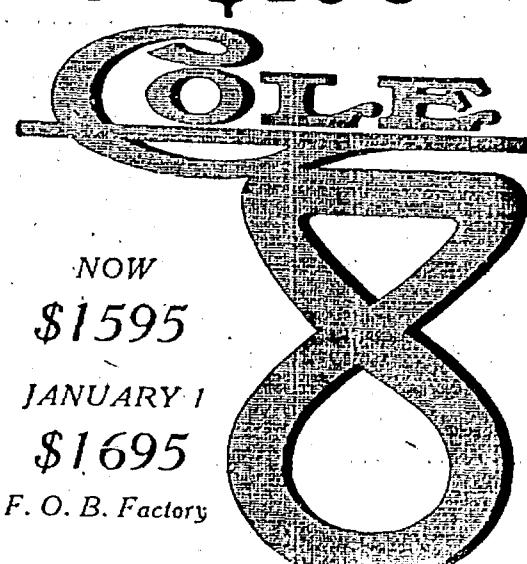
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Save \$100



The price of the Cole Eight will advance \$100 on January first. The same car you can buy today for \$1595 will sell for \$1695. The Cole-Springfield All-Season models, now listed at \$2195, will also advance \$200.

Why wait until the price advances? Buy your Cole Eight now—get delivery on it before the first of the year—and save enough to keep yourself in gas, oil and tires all next season.

You'll get the same car now as you would if you waited until after January first—for all Cole present models are to be continued throughout the whole of next season.

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'BOMB' CIGARS ARE MAILED TO OFFICIALS

Postal Authorities Here Told to Watch for 25 Tubular Packages Containing Explosives; Two Smokers Are Injured

Nicholas Harris, of S. F. Firm, Receives One; Ex-Convict, Anxious to Hurt Peace Officers, Is Said to Be Involved

Postal officials in Oakland and the bay cities have been notified by Federal inspectors to keep a constant watch on small tubular packages such as might contain explosive cigars.

Eight of twenty-five "bomb" cigars, known to have been mailed, have been accounted for. Every effort of postal detectives is being made to discover the sender.

Two "bomb" cigars were traced early today when it was learned that H. Perkins, former councilman of Watts, Los Angeles county, and W. H. Turner, former mayor of the small town, received cigars.

Perkins threw his "weed" into a stove, where it exploded, while Turner gave his cigar to E. Giles, marshal of Watts.

TWO INJURED. Two other cigars exploded, injuring the smokers, John D. Bennett of Brawley, whose nose was cut by flying bits of copper filings, and Eugene Telle, University of Nevada student, who received cuts.

Believing that some passenger had forgotten to mail them, Garner says that he did so. Twenty-five cigars were mailed, each one being wrapped individually.

Nicholas Harris, secretary of San Francisco dredging firm, received one of the cigars yesterday. He placed it in the hands of the postal authorities, who examined it and found it contained fulminate of mercury, encased in a two-inch cap.

INTENDED FOR DETECTIVE.

It is believed that the cigar was intended for a Nick Harris, former detective. Like the other cigars, it was contained in a tin case.

Police are working on the theory that personal revenge is the motive of the sender, an ex-convict anxious to injure peace officers or their relatives.

Perfume Clew Is Figure in Divorce Suit



MRS. LEO L. SCOTT.

Wife Accuses Affinity in Tale of Escapades of Her Spouse.

Because Leo L. Scott told his wife, on her return from a vacation, that during her absence he had been living with another woman, because he choked her and was otherwise cruel and unkind, as the story is recited in her allegations set forth in a complaint, Katherine L. Scott has instituted divorce proceedings against her husband.

Mr. Scott is afforded the defendant at trial Tuesday night when she followed him and a companion to a boarding house. At that time, she declared, he

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Optometrist and Optician,
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SPECIALTIES CO.

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WHITE AND BROWN WOODS.

Furniture
GILCHRIST FURNITURE CO.
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NOTE: Some firms give tickets with cash purchases of one amount, others with other amounts, depending on the character of merchandise handled.

OAKLAND MAN IS BANDITS' VICTIM

Gang Surrounded Nurse; Took Gold; Refugee Now Is at Hospital.

Held up by Villa bandits, who robbed him of his fortune and threatened to take his life, Frederick Ellsworth has arrived here penniless from Mexico and is now at the county infirmary. Ellsworth and Jack Barrett, who operated an adjoining mining claim near Sandino, Durango, were attacked by Mexican bandits six weeks ago. Ellsworth lost \$7000 in gold and Barrett was robbed of \$6000. In their robbery the men walked 125 miles to Mazatlan. They shipped on the tramp schooner *Atranda* to this port. Barrett is in San Jose, where he has relatives.

Ellsworth is in a serious condition from nervous prostration. He tells of how while Barrett and he were in a shack fifteen Mexicans rode down upon them, and, clustering them with guns, gave them five minutes in which to produce all their gold or be shot. Even after taking the treasure, the Mexicans wanted to shoot their victims, but relented.

Ellsworth believes that a traitor among his workmen betrayed him. He is 63 years old. His home is in Newport, R. I. He is the brother of Oliver Ellsworth, Hawalline plantation owner, and expected to return him to San Francisco.

Ellsworth will remain at the infirmary until he recovers his health and will then attempt to recover his mine.

New Oak to Be Put in Plaza

Young Tree to Take the Place of Dead One

Within the next few days Oakland will have a sturdy young live oak tree standing in the place of honor in the City Hall Plaza to fill the vacancy caused by the death and removal of the old oak which was cut down last week after nearly a century of growth. Under the direction of Lee S. Kerfoot, superintendent of parks, workmen have felled and squared the young oak in Mosswood Park. Many tons of earth will surround the roots and it is believed that the transplanting can be done without endangering the life of the tree.

The oak is about 15 years of age, 20 feet in height and one of the finest specimens of its kind in the entire bay section. It is of the variety of the natural growth that covers the hills and from which the city obtained its name. If weather conditions permit the tree will be transported from Mosswood Park to the plaza on house-moving apparatus and the occasion will probably be marked with some sort of celebration as the tree moves along the streets to its new resting place.

According to Superintendent Kerfoot, the young tree is in the best of condition and should withstand the moving without suffering in health and sprout leaves early in the year.

was openly disregarding his vows made at the altar.

The couple were married at San Francisco September 2, 1915, and separated October 8, 1916. There are no children. Scott is the son of Attorney John Scott of this city. He met his wife while she was a student at the State Normal School and he was at the local high school. The romance budded rapidly and bloomed while both were yet in school.

Miss Scott said:

This woman is about 35 years old. She is attempting to win my husband through expensive gifts. She has given him a gold-plated manure set, a cigarette box and other things.

Our married life was quite happy until last October. Then my husband came home one night reeking with perfumed perfume. Later I found that he had been with this woman. Soon I learned that she was partial to Oriental perfume and I could tell every time he had been near her. He said that he did not love her, but only wanted to get the gifts that she made him.

Delta Was Transport; Is Held by Germans

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The reply of the German government to another of the American inquiries in regard to steamships sunk by submarines, in this instance relating to the destruction of the Norwegian steamship *Delta*, with Americans in the crew, declares that the steamship was claimed for transport purposes to a belligerent government and hence its destruction was legitimate.

This reply, which has been delivered to the American embassy, says that so far as was possible the safety of the crew was provided for. The men were given half an hour in which to enter the boats. The weather was clear and the distance to the shore was not excessive.

There has been no further development in the case of the *Arabla*.

German Raiders in Atlantic; Ship Seized

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A report was current here last night that the mysterious and repeated wireless messages sent out recently by allied warships on the United States coast, regarding the presence of a German commerce raider.

It was reported by German news sources which hitherto have proved true, that the overdue steamship *Voltaire* had been captured by a German submarine. It was stated that the British Admiralty reports of a raider at large on the high seas, referred to the *Voltaire* which had been heavily armed and was now lying in wait for British ships and that the *Voltaire* in a few days would steam into Hampton Roads bringing with her the crews of several British ships that had been sunk by German submarines and by her own guns.

Two Held As Result of Fight in Cafe

As the result of a fight in the Rex Cafe at Eighth and Broadway late last night, Helen Williams, a commercial model, and Charles Schultz, a clerk, were taken into custody by R. Hughes and J. Dolan, deputy constables, who claimed that they were attacked by Schultz, following the passing of insults. Miss Williams was released on \$10 bail, and Schultz was charged with battery, their cases being continued pending the arrest of one of the bartenders in the place who is said to have participated in a free-for-all scrimmage.

The Rex Cafe is conducted by Bert McCloud, son of Sergeant McCloud of the Oakland Police Department.

WILL DISCUSS NEW HOSPITAL TONIGHT

Fund-Raising Campaign Will Open at Hotel Oakland Meeting.

Dr. O. D. Hamlin will preside at the meeting in the interest of the fund raising campaign for the new Providence hospital, at the Hotel Oakland at 8 o'clock tonight.

Speeches setting forth the need of a modern fireproof hospital in Oakland will be made by Dr. H. B. Mehrmann, John H. Tofan and Dr. John F. Slavich.

Plans to raise the \$150,000 necessary to insure a \$450,000 hospital are progressing rapidly.

One of the assistant secretaries said today:

This will not be a promotional or indiscriminate canvass from street to street, office to office, or house to house. You may be sure there will be no stream of callers asking your subscription. Lists of prospective subscribers in Oakland who we have reasons to believe are able to contribute and who are interested in the new hospital are being carefully listed.

Watchman Falls Into Ship's Hold; Injured

Shouts from the hold of the steam schooner "Idaho," which is moored at the Sunset Lumber Company wharf at the foot of Alton street, disclosed to a crew of carpenters starting the day's work this morning, the prostrate form of John R. Rector, night watchman, under the aft hatch thirty-five feet below the deck, helpless, and in a pool of blood. Raynos, who is a German, 62 years old, had fallen through the hatch opening at about 11 p. m. and does not know when he regained consciousness. For many hours before daybreak he suffered from the agony of a broken left arm, broken pelvis and cuts about the head.

The shipbuilding crew, rigged a sling above deck and hoisted Raynos out of the hold after which he was rushed to the receiving hospital.

To Bury Sisters' In Young Casket

EAGLE ROCK, Cal., Dec. 28.—Inexplicable in life, Zelma and Emma Burton, sisters killed in a recent auto accident, are to be buried in a single casket. They will wear the graduation gowns they would have used this spring.

Business Expert Is Speaker at Ad Club

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Miner Chipman, business expert, talked on "Efficiency" yesterday at the Palace Hotel before one of the largest audiences of the year. Many personal experiences of the speaker in connection with his work were related. How advertising was brought into play by manufacturers in a large Middle Western city was also described by Chipman.

A musical program preceded the address. Miss Myrtle Stow, Monte Austin and William Lawrence were heard.

Auto, in Tow, Turns Turtle; Man Killed

While steering his automobile along the Alton pass, where it was being towed by another machine, J. B. Phinney, a San Francisco engineer, turned and struck the wheel of his machine into a deep rut, causing the car to overturn. Phinney's automobile had broken down and G. A. Scott, 2434 Woolsey street, Berkeley, had consented to tow him up the road.

These figures are greater than the bank clearings of last year, by \$50,000 for the same week.

Just what proportion of this increase went for Christmas gifts and Yuletide expenditures, above the record of last year, is hard to estimate.

Local merchants, however, are of the opinion that more than \$1,000,000 was actually spent for Christmas presents in Oakland this year.

Santa Claus Is Busy in Oakland

Bank Clearings Show \$3,800,500 Spent

It was a good year for Santa Claus in Oakland.

Bank clearings for the week, just compiled, show that during Christmas week \$3,800,500 went into the various financial coffers from varied sources, passing through the local clearing-house en route.

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Library Assistants Are Placed on List

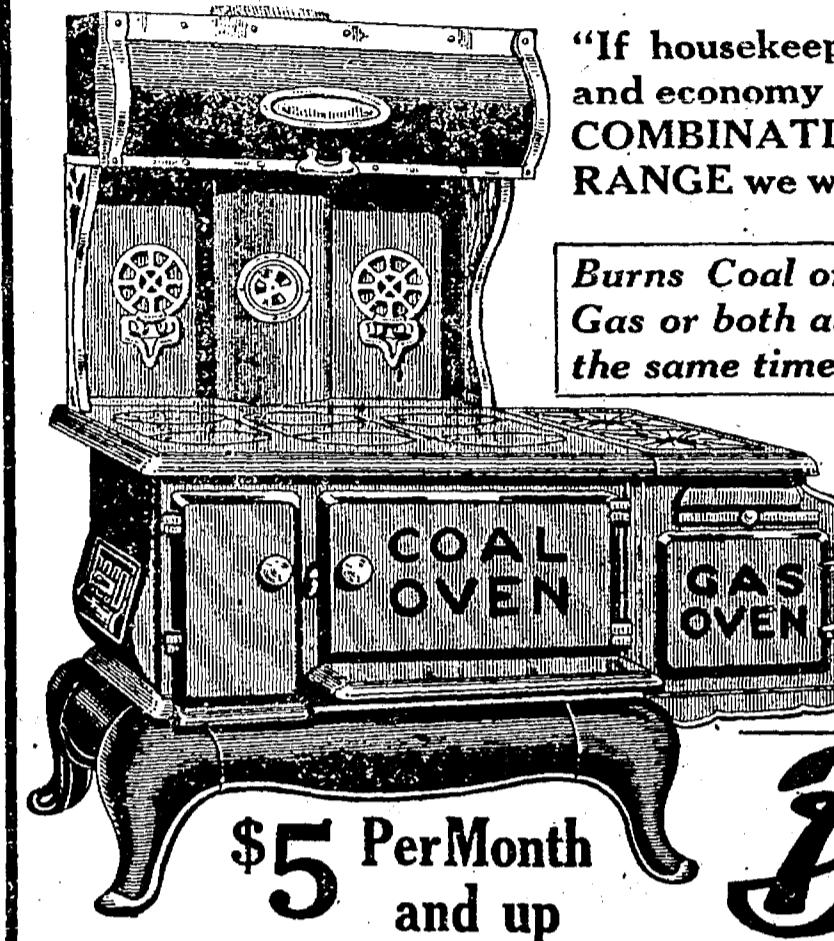
As the result of examinations held by the Civil Service board eligible lists have been created for assistant cataloger, library messenger and order assistant. For cataloger the list includes Grace G. Ransom, Clara N. Bishop, Mildred N. Anders, Mary H. Sims and Minnie Shreve; for messenger, Walter Statton, C. T. Till, Leonard C. Trathen, Keith Datto, George Langridge and Herbert Batt; and for order assistant, Elsie T. Schauder and Margaret Henneberry.

Woman Hit by Truck; Shoulder Is Broken

Suffering from a broken shoulder and from shock which she received when an automobile truck driven by John Thomas ran over her near her home, Miss Edna Keck, 930 Jefferson street, is confined to her room today. Thomas, the young woman to the emergency hospital, where the fracture was set.

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MONTH-END FRIDAY

FRIDAY AS USUAL, BARGAIN DAY

End of the week, end of the month, end of the year, and we'll make it a fitting end to a wonderful year's business. Cost not considered in selecting the prices for these items. Always lower than any other store in Oakland, the tremendous reductions we have taken for this occasion will make some of these items positively astounding.

Some are odd lots that we are clearing out. Some are

RAIN FOR ALL COAST, FORETOLD

General Storm in Store, Is the Prediction of Weather Bureau.

With snow flurries on Mt. Diablo, Mt. Tamalpais and the foothill country along the coast, and with rain general throughout northern California, the storm which yesterday was off Washington, has dropped down to a point of central California. The storm, generally speaking, has twenty-four hours over the entire Pacific slope. A slight rise in the mercury prevented any great snowfall during the last twenty-four hours, save in the Coast Range. From Summit, at the top of the Sierras, comes a report of a considerable fall, and it was still snowing there at 5 o'clock this morning.

At 7:30 a.m. received the greatest rainfall, amounting to 1.16 inches. It rained steadily but not heavily during the night. In the bay cities and the rain gauge showed .50 in Oakland this morning. Reports from the other stations as to precipitation were as follows:

Stockton, .40; Merced, .18; San Jose, .10; Eureka, .06; Red Bluff, .78; Sacramento, .32; Oroville, .80; San Luis Obispo, .30; Fresno, .30; Point Reyes, .56.

Vallejo Petitions to Change Charter Ready

VALLEJO, Dec. 28.—It is announced that the petitions asking for the election of a board of freeholders to frame a new charter for the city of Vallejo are ready for filing, and that they will be submitted to the City Council next week. No claim is made that something like 1600 names are on the petitions and that 1600 of them are registered voters who are eligible to sign the petition.

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POTATOES, NEVADA, 25c	25c
POTATOES, NEVADA, 118-lb. sack	\$2.95
SHIP AHOM TO BE SEEN AT HIPPODROME.	
Those who attend the Oakland Hippodrome this week are certainly being treated to an entertainment in good measure. Music, comedy, dramatic, and motion pictures are the three forms of amusement. The Cranes, dancing proteges of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle, serve their portion, a melange of dancing numbers, gaiety and beauty which have created a company in a theater on this Coast. Jim Post's company follows with "Ship Ahoy." As its name implies, the piece is a nautical one with an ocean setting, and "Ship Ahoy" is the setting. On deck, Post, and his assisting comedians develop ludicrous situations in which Villainy, Steel, and as an adventuresome girl, Miss Steel, lead the program in a series of fashion plate numbers. The scenic arrangements of the show give it a striking appearance throughout.	
JERRY IS OFFERED AT BISHOP THEATER.	
This week the splendid company at the Bishop, refined to perfection, are delighting theater-goers with an exhilarating little comedy by Mrs. Catherine Chisholm Cushing "Jerry."	
Jerry is surety up to the minute and in fact most popular, and has no trouble in expressing it. She is a peasant girl and "Jerry" in the hands of Billie Burke, who created the part, was never played more adroitly and split more humor and charm than she put into the character by the clever little leading lady at the Bishop Playhouse.	

CIDER VINEGAR, bottle	9c
TOMATO SOUP, LIBBY'S, 3 cans	27c
SOAP, AMMONIA BORAX, 6 bars	23c
GRAPE JUICE, 6-oz. bottle	8c
PRESERVES, 20-oz. jar	23c
JELLY—15 oz.	13c
JAR PEACHES, DRIED, 10c	5c
PRUNES, 50-60 size, 1-5 lb.	10c
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Play & Player

FINE HOLIDAY SHOW AT THE ORPHEUM

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The holiday show at the Orpheum has apparently struck a responsive spot in the hearts of Oakland theater-goers, for the house has been jammed to the doors ever since the bill opened last Sunday.

It has all the ingredients that make up a typical Orpheum show at holiday time—��, singing, dancing, sparkling comedy skit and the stamp of the doors.

"Resita" the wonderful girl with the changing weight, whom no strong man can lift from the floor unless she wills, is another attraction.

"Resita" is the talk of Oakland.

Weber Elliott, in a bit of comic foolishness, is a hit, and the comedy act is a success.

Next week comes an all-comedy show, with Rucker and Wilmot, the Three Stooges, Earl Cavanaugh, and other comedians.

"GARDEN OF ALLAH" AT THE MACDONOUGH.

"The Garden of Allah," which is the attraction at the Macdonough Theater this week, is without doubt the most elaborate stage production that has ever been seen in this city.

The impressiveness of the production is the result of the artistic and realistic scenic effects showing the deserts of the "Garden of Allah" and several other scenes reproduced from that region.

The engagement in Oakland closes on Saturday with a matinee and evening performance.

TWIN BEDS COMING.

Salisbury Field and Margaret Mayo's brilliant comedy, "Twin Beds," will be shown at the Macdonough Theater on Sunday and Monday week, opening with the "Sunday" matinee performance.

An ideally balanced cast has been pro-

duced by Neil Hardling and includes J. Morris Morrison, William Weston, Luis Alberni, Anna Hastings, Marguerite Fischer, Antoinette Rech, and others.

There will be a special holiday matinee on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1.

RUSSIAN BALLET TO PLAY IN OAKLAND.

The two-night engagement of the Daghlian Ballet Russes at the Auditorium will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday.

One of the big features of the performance is the specialty offered by the Great Kartman company of magicians who will teach each audience, featuring Princess Floretta, who demonstrated her strength by pulling with her teeth a seven-passenger automobile.

The musical program is arranged by Director Herman Kling is elaborately produced by Neil Hardling and includes "Morris King," the brilliant comedy, "South Seas Isles," by Stella Romer; "Turn Back the Universe," by Jack L. Warner; "When the Moon Swings Low," by Laura Vassilieff; "Every Little Thing in Dixie," by Chita Rivera; and "The Dances of Yesterday" by Reece Gardner.

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Those who attend the Oakland Hippodrome this week are certainly being treated to an entertainment in good measure.

Music, comedy, dramatic, and motion pictures are the three forms of amusement.

The Cranes, dancing proteges of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle, serve their portion, a melange of dancing numbers, gaiety and beauty which have created a company in a theater on this side of the bay.

The company is headed by Mephisto, the great dancer, and the best dancer in the world, has ever produced, and includes Adolf Bolin, the incomparable "Mime"; Flore Revailles, and Sopokova.

For this extraordinary engagement, the Daghlian Ballet Russes will be on stage on Monday and Tuesday evenings at the ticket offices of Sherman, Clay & Co. at Fourteenth and Clay streets, and for the accommodation of many who have had to wait for tickets, a special ticket office will be open at the Beacon, Clay and Sutter streets, next Tuesday morning, January 3.

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SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE URGED

Waterfront Compromise Suggested in Port Commission Note.

A final solution of existing waterfront troubles between the city and the V. O. Lawrence Warehouse Company is proposed in a communication submitted to the city council today by the port commission and Commissioner of Public Works Harry S. Anderson. If the plan is approved, Lawrence will be asked to spend \$150,000 in the erection of a reinforced concrete warehouse on the quay wall at the foot of Market street. It is understood that Lawrence will accept the proposal.

The proposed plan, which was referred to Mayor Davis for a report, provides that the cost of construction of the new building, with 5 per cent, added interest, shall be repaid to Lawrence out of the rentals for the two upper floors of the structure, while one cent will be charged on those two floors.

The lower floor is to be reserved for the use of the city as a public wharf, the municipality to collect all dockage and wharfage tolls.

While the new structure is being erected, the plan proposes, Lawrence will pay the city \$215, a month for the use of the city's warehouse at the foot of Clay street. At the time it moves into the new building, the sum of \$215 a month will be rebated, as the port commission considers the existing building as not being worth more than \$115 a month as a warehouse because of the lack of warehousing facilities.

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'Representative' Lands in Jail Now Can't Remember the Affair at All

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—It cost El D. Harwood of Tucson, Ariz., two nights in an unheated Mexican jail and a \$20 fine to tell General Jose Murguia, commander of Juarez, that he was a special envoy from President Wilson, bringing an ultimatum of war on Mexico within four days unless Carranza signed the Atlantic City protocol immediately. Harwood was at first taken seriously, but the imposture was exposed when General Murguia demanded his credentials.

Harwood, who was released this evening through the mediation of the American authorities, said that he had no recollection of the incident.

The charges of "impudence, imprudence and intoxication" were placed against him on the books of the Juarez jail.

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BERKELEY LAND LOAN CENTER.

Berkeley is to be heartily congratulated upon winning the location of the Federal Land Bank for the Eleventh Federal Farm Loan District. It will mean considerable new distinction and advantages for the university city. Being the site of the State University under which the California Agricultural School is administered and conveniently located to all sections within this farm loan district, Berkeley will be able to reciprocate with many advantages in the establishment of the new system of rural credits.

Many predict that the system of farm banks and loans adopted at the last session of Congress will inaugurate a new era in American agriculture and one which is destined to be of more far-reaching importance than any of the past. Whether or not this extravagant outlook is justified, it is almost certain to be of much significance to the future of the farming industry. When organization is completed the central farm loan bank will wield considerable influence in the business and finances of the district for which it is created. The Eleventh, or Berkeley district, includes California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona and is one of the twelve districts into which continental United States, excluding Alaska, is divided.

The act creating the rural credit system provides that the Federal Farm Loan Board shall establish in each federal land bank district a federal land bank with its principal office located in such city within the district as the board may designate. Subject to the approval of the federal board, the federal land bank to be established at Berkeley may establish branches throughout the entire land bank district. Thus the Berkeley institution will occupy the same position in the four states mentioned as does the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to the federal reserve district.

Fixing the location of the farm land bank signifies that the organization of the bank will proceed at once. This matter, no doubt, will be completed as speedily as possible. The law provides that all loans to stockholders and national farm loan associations shall be executed through the district bank, which means that the agriculturists who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of the farm loan law are waiting upon this organization.

It is fortunate for California that the district bank is to be located in this State and it is particularly gratifying to the people of the east bay communities that it is to be established in Berkeley. In congratulating our neighbor upon its opportunity we are confident that nothing will be omitted to make it an example of the best possible under the new scheme of federal farm loans.

PEACE CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

The replies of the Central Powers to the peace note President Wilson addressed to all the governments at war is not satisfactory when considered solely as an answer. These governments apparently have forgotten or deliberately ignored the main purpose of the President's request. That was to ascertain the objects which each belligerent seeks to accomplish in the war and what conditions would be satisfactory attainments under a treaty of peace. Instead of replying in this tenor the governments of the Central Alliance have confined themselves to suggesting a conference of peace plenipotentiaries in a neutral city. Had it not been for the textual statements that it was a reply to Mr. Wilson's note, it might have been mistaken for an independent and original communication.

These inconsistencies in form, however, may be graciously overlooked in the hope that the direct proposal for a peace conference will result in the termination of the war. When Mr. Wilson despatched his recent letter to the foreign powers he did not believe that the time was near when an actual conference might be held. If it turns out that he was mistaken he, as well as all other Americans, will be very happy in acknowledging the mistake in judgment. Again, if the peace conference results from the German proposal, it will stamp the wartime diplomacy of the Central Powers as being more effective than that of the United States and the Entente Allies. Members of the latter group doubt the seriousness of the offer and deprecate the suggestion that it will have any effect.

They may be right, but their attitude of rejection and condemnation is not new in the records of wars and their conclusions. Rather it is the orthodox way to expect belligerents to act in the face of proposals from an enemy. The ways of ending wars greatly vary. President Roosevelt brought the Russo-Japanese war to an end by sending identical despatches to each government urging that they enter into peace negotiations. Russia put an end to the Turk-Grecian war of 1897 by ordering an armistice just as the Turks were marching on central Greece. The Russo-Turkish war was terminated by England's threat to enter it. The war between Prussia and Denmark in 1864 ended when the Danes learned that they could not get outside help. In the Chino-Japanese war China made two overtures for peace through unofficial agents, which were refused, and finally sent Li Hung Chang with proper credentials to draw up the treaty of Shimoseki. President Polk in the Mexican war sent along with General Scott a peace envoy

authorized to treat with the Mexican government the moment the enemy was willing to quit fighting.

President Wilson has merely asked definition of the objects of war. When compared to the movements that resulted in ending other wars, his action appears wonderfully simple; it may be equally as effective.

THE SINGING CARABAO.

It often happens that a severe scolding and reprimand will work important reformation of conduct, even among those in high places. Take the Military Order of the Carabao, for instance. It is an organization of military men who served in the Philippines during the early days of the American occupation. High ranking officers in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps are members and officers. When the Carabao met in the national capital a year ago they got gay with officials of the administration and said some rather cutting things about the ideas of national defense prevailing at the time, ridiculed the "too proud to fight" sentiment and took other liberties.

The President did not like this conduct. And as soon as he learned of the remarks delivered over the banqueting table he was angry. Officers of the regular branches of the service were under his command as Commander-in-Chief and he sent them severe reprimands, stating that they they were wanting in a display of that measure of respect for their Commander-in-Chief to be expected of officers.

Not until the next annual reunion of the Carabao was held was it possible to observe the effect of the scolding. This happened in Washington last week. There never

was a quieter, more cautious and more circumspect meeting of soldiers and ex-soldiers. No more was heard the clang of bolos and sabres, no more fiery reminiscences, no more fearless criticism of anyone. The Carabao now sing. The sedateness of their conduct recalls the remark of the late Admiral McCalla, who in 1900 visited a vessel of the Philippine fleet on an official inspection, a vessel snowy white and immaculately clean. He said to the captain of ship: "O! I see you paint." The admiral's intentional sarcasm was duly appreciated. And the Carabao sing. Here is a sample:

For we all be Carabao,
We've fought beneath the Starry Flag,
We know the kris and snarling krag,
And the foxy Brownie Tao,
For we all be Carabao,
How! How! How!

Now, what Commander-in-Chief can take offense at this, even to that cruel, climactical line, "How! how! how!" There were other songs, some of them chosen for the quiet little human message they convey. One especially noteworthy recited that, under the days of the king, "six gaudy seamen were hung on high because they would not sing."

As a variant, apparently fearing the meeting would grow stale with too much song, the Carabao introduced a few lines of wholly innocent dialogue:

"First voice—Clarence! Second voice—Say on, Archibald. First voice—Things have been right lively down in Santo Domingo lately. The marines have been waking them up. Second voice—Well, they're going to get a little Knapp now."

"Tis a sad story, mates—The Taming of the Carabao.

Hand-shaking between friends has been declared by a Berkeley bacteriologist to be dangerous to the health. It follows that the discontinuance of the habit would reduce the liability to the spread of contagious disease. This alone is sufficient to cause society seriously to consider some other form of salutation. But there are other reasons why the First voice—Clarence! Second voice—Say on, Archibald. First voice—Things have been right lively down in Santo Domingo lately. The marines have been waking them up. Second voice—Well, they're going to get a little Knapp now."

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In forwarding to the belligerent governments the invitations which the Oakland and Los Angeles city officials yesterday separately voted to extend to make their respective city the scene of the proposed peace conference, the city clerk should be careful to affix the time of adoption of the ordinance. Invitations will, of course, be considered in the order of the time extended and it goes without saying that the warring nations of Europe have no wish intentionally to do an injustice either to Oakland or Los Angeles.

MEN AND ACRES.

(Boston Transcript.)

Secretary Houston, talking to the American Unitarian Association in this city last night on the progress of our agriculture, is able to congratulate the country on a marked advance in farming methods, but not on the achievement of any shortening of the economic distance between the consumer and the producer. Nor is there

very much real encouragement in his showing that while we cannot produce nearly as much food stuff to the acre in this country as is produced in Europe, we actually produce three or four times as much per man. It is quite true that no country produces so much to the number of men employed in agriculture as does the United States. Our leadership in that regard is due to the great development of machinery, and to the spreading of the efforts of one man over a greater number of acres than elsewhere. One man upon fifty acres, with costly machinery, can of course produce more than one man upon five acres with little or no machinery, and it is not much to his credit that he can do so. But his methods, as compared with the close work of more men on less ground, are essentially uneconomic, necessarily wasteful. In the long run it is the acre that tells the story. The number of our cultivable acres is limited, and the supply of agricultural labor, as we have had abundant demonstration, is also limited. Therefore there is a limit to our production in that direction. Our only prospect for the great increase of production that is necessary to our well-being as a nation lies in an increase per acre.

It is of course vain to talk of doing things which are absolutely dependent upon an abundance of labor. We cannot duplicate the intensive cultivation of France, Switzerland or Germany. But we can and must moderate our old and native tendency to a merely extensive cultivation. The problem of the department of agriculture is to reconcile the scarcity of labor with this necessity—not an easy task, but one which the experts of the department are making excellent headway toward mastering.

But that reconciliation will take a long time and much experience, and in the meanwhile the brain of the country—the business brain of it—will have to devote its attention to bringing production and consumption closer together. Something is wrong there. New England lets good fields lie fallow, producing not even first-class pasture, and sends itself from Dakota, Texas and California. The poet tells us that "the fields are green that are far away." The trouble with us is that the fields that are near are too green—with an inferior variety of grass, let us have them black with tillage or with Holsteins, or gray with sheep.

NOTES and COMMENT

A wireless phone for a hotel is an innovation. It is characteristic of the alertness of Oakland that it is the pioneer in discussing the installation of this device on this coast.

There are to be some doings when the Danish West Indies are formally turned over to the United States. The sale has been approved by the king and the papers are to be despatched Saturday. It is one of the largest real estate transactions of the year.

If San Francisco would not take the attitude of the people over the census figures which give Los Angeles the larger population, it would hit the situation off in a happier manner. Everybody knows the relative commercial importance of the two cities.

The Oregon man who went on a tour to see San Francisco's sights, having first put his roll of \$300 in his sock, and saw the sights but lost his roll, furnishes evidence that the bone-dry law up there has not worked universal regeneration yet.

The new half-dollar coins are to be turned loose next Tuesday. Generally the new coins have not made a hit with the public. But if the new four-bit piece shall show a disposition to circulate more freely there is little doubt that it will become a prime favorite.

It must be admitted that Thomas W. Lawson of Boston knows when the psychological moment arrives to start something. His famous uproar of ten years ago against the "system" is remembered, and now he re-creates in a charge that state secrets "leak."

LaVerne Burton has brought suit to recover \$75,000 for the unauthorized use of her photograph, incorporated in a picture to advertise another actress. If the photograph is that valuable it might be thought that the principle would put it on the market herself.

A despatch is to the effect that Carranza is to decide the fate of the joint negotiations. How decide the fate? Carranza seems unable to decide much of anything in Mexico. If he approves the recommendations of the joint commission it won't trivialize very much of anything.

Los Angeles may brag about her population, but she will not insist on a discussion as to that snowstorm that fell in the city on Christmas day. However, it was but a flurry and would not be considered in a snow country. It was the sixth time in forty years that Los Angeles had such a visitation.

Someone is estimating the wheat crop. It is considerably less than last year. Of course the crop is all in, but there is still a great chance to bet on it. The crop does not seem to be so much as controlling power or price as the war, which fact is not quite understandable, for men must eat whether they are soldiering or not.

A despatch from Samoa is to the effect that they are having the measles in Apia. This would seem a rather mild subject for a news despatch, but the measles in tropical countries is not so much a trivial matter as it is in temperate zones. But some of us are able to testify that measles is measles wherever the affliction occurs.

The frequency with which the probation gat gets rapped suggests that like other fads to regenerate mankind, it is being run in the ground. The Governor, in pardoning a soldier who had been imprisoned for a statutory crime and prevented righting it by probation officers, an inadvertent upon the fact in a way that shows his dissatisfaction.

Anybody who possesses a bug that will kill the beet-leaf pest will save the growers a million dollars by trotting it forth. As such an insect does not appear to be forthcoming at home, an expedition is to proceed to Australia in search for one. It is singular, by the by, that so many of the bugs that prey on pests originate in that antipodal country.

Every little while some discovery is made or a new stress in cost on account of the war, but the disclosure of monkeys is about the strangest. The disclosure comes from Washington, where the simians are in demand for pathological experiments. The cause is attributed to the isolation of Hamburgh, the world's principal animal market. A monkey now costs an average of \$18, which is more than double the cost of a year ago.

The census is a sort of red rag to certain San Francisco exponents, especially when it treats of the population of a certain Southern California town. The only thing that they can see is numbers, which they seek to overcome by efforts to round up the populace adjacent. Recently, there does not seem to be any necessity for a scare or a round-up.

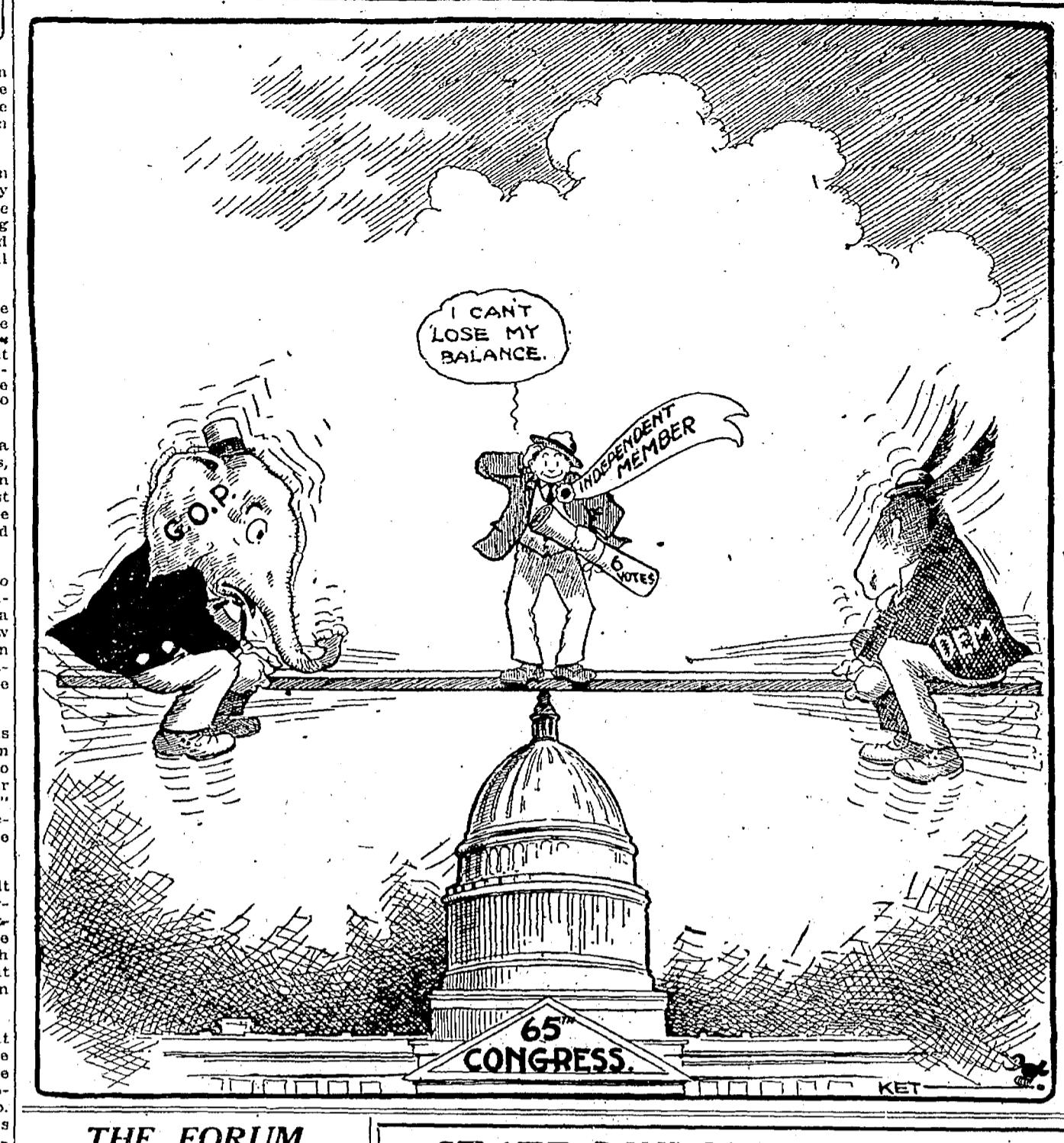
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It is not likely that the Legislature will support the Fish and Game Commission in its plan to have protection removed from the blackbirds. The amount of damage done by rice-eating ducks and blackbirds is exaggerated. The former scoop up the rice that falls into the mud and is therefore of no value to the grower, while the blackbirds, according to naturalists, devour insect pests by the million and thus more than earn what rice they eat.—Chico Enterprise.

WORTH TAKING.

General Goethals says the United States should assume complete sovereignty over the Panama Canal zone and make it a great free mart for the exchange of merchandise from all over the world. Then, he says, the canal would pay. That idea is worth talking about.—Buffalo Express.

A SEESAW!



THE FORUM

To the Editor of The Tribune:

A recent TRIBUNE editorial discussed "Places for Old Men," a timely subject, confronted as we are at this world crisis by the economic problem of how best to use every available scrap of human energy. But what is an old man? Or, rather, when is a man old? Shakespeare's six stages, from the "mulling infant" and the "schoolboy with the shining morning face" slide along so imperceptibly into the "lean and slippered pantaloons" that who shall say where youth ends and old age begins. The article had especial reference to business and clerical occupations, but, beginning at the very year when the portals of youth are closing behind us, there comes more or less diminution of fitness for some calling or other. For instance, prizefighting, a still lawfully recognized and money making business, is no longer at its best after thirty. There then comes a certain showing of the flash-like electric message from brain to muscle. There is a tiny fraction of time lost in nerve transmission. In another four or five years this deficiency is marked, and the champion becomes a "has-been" before some more youthful aspirant. There are other callings where that electric swiftness departs with youth. Indeed, it is said to be found lacking in messengers and office boys at a very early age. But it can be supplied by men past middle life, who, while their intellectual powers are at their best, would be suddenly called upon to jump at the tingle of a desk bell, run messages, usher clients, close doors and so forth—men of fixed ways and habits and who may have been accustomed for years to be treated with deference, and to the giving instead of taking orders.

The frequency with which the probation gat gets rapped suggests that like other fads to regenerate mankind, it is being run in the ground. The Governor, in pardoning a soldier who had been known as old men for a quarter of a century, but I would be sorry to be burdened by either the colonel or the doctor, in the capacity of an office boy! I have

in mind a man several years past seventy who is an acceptable and interesting contributor to several leading publications. They having no knowledge of his age, he jocularly poses as a young author, fired with youthful ambition; and, indeed, there is nothing in his writings to indicate the contrary.

I will not divulge the present writer's age, lest this letter be dropped in the waste basket, with a tolerant smile. Thanks to The TRIBUNE for its timely and suggestive article.

SENECA.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.

TO CHECK MURDER BY GERMS.

Moved by the ease with which Arthur W. Waite, the murderer, obtained deadly germs from different laboratories in New York, a Brooklyn physician has framed a bill for the registration and supervision by the state of laboratories from which deadly germs are obtained. Persons who have murder in their hearts can usually find ways for letting it out, but society does well to erect as many safeguards as possible. Doctors will always claim easy access to deadly drugs and germs, but the record of what they take away may well be kept against a time of need.—Springfield Republican.

NO DEAD LINE, THE FIT SURVIVE

With the Kaiser awarding the chief credit for the Hunmanian campaign to Hindenburg, 68 years old, the London Daily Mail's recent attack on Mr. Balfour on the ground that he is too old to be of political service seems odd. Mr. Balfour is but 68.—Springfield Republican.

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PLANS COMPLETE TO WELCOME 1917

'QUIET UNTIL
MIDNIGHT' IS
NEW SLOGAN

Beginning of New Day and New Year Will See the Start of Big Carnival in Oakland; Sunday Decorum Before

Holiday Spirit to Be Shown in Quieter Way Than Formerly, in Observance of Big Day; "Messiah" Is Feature

"Quiet Until Midnight" is the slogan which the Citizens' Festival Committee, under whose auspices the New Year's Eve celebration is to be given in the Municipal Auditorium next Sunday evening, has adopted in accordance with a proclamation which Mayor John L. Davie has issued concerning the event. There will be no street carnival on Sunday night, the occasion being observed through a dignified celebration.

Chief of Police Walter J. Petersen has instructed the officers of his department that dancing will not be permitted in the Oakland cafes on the last day of the year. This is in accordance with the spirit of the proclamation issued by Mayor Davie today, which reads as follows:

To the People of the City of Oakland: New Year's Eve this year comes on a Sunday, and for that reason it is desirable that the people of the city should celebrate the occasion in an appropriate and dignified manner—in keeping with the day on which it falls. To the end that the old carnival spirit, with its accompaniment of tin horns, feather dusters, serpentine and confetti, be eliminated on this Sunday evening, the slogan has been adopted "Quiet Until Midnight," and you are hereby requested to join in the unique and fitting program which has been arranged in conformity with this slogan.

The rendition of "The Messiah," together with a program of holiday music, in the Oakland Auditorium, New Year's Eve, provides a means to this end. It is reiterated that the people of Oakland are requested to observe New Year's Eve this year falls on Sunday, and it is requested that no street carnival be held in this city on that day to celebrate the event.

TO HONOR BELL.

Plans have been completed for the "Spanish Hall, Luncheon" at Hotel Oakland at noon tomorrow, when members of the Ad Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and several hundred business and professional men of the city will honor the oldest known dated Christian bell in the world, the "Bell of Oakland," which, before noon tomorrow under the escort of a detachment of Boy Scouts, under command of H. Richards Wilson, Oakland Scout Executive.

Members of the festival committee will meet the two motor cars at Lake Merritt, where a short ceremony will take place. This will include the singing of hymns by a score of choir boys in vestments. Station pictures will be taken of the procession, which then will move to Hotel Oakland, where members of the choir, attired in Spanish costume, will sing about the ancient bell. Mayor Davie will be on hand as the head of a reception committee.

George E. Sheldon will be chairman of the day at the luncheon, which is to be held in the Ivory Ballroom. A musical program will be given by a division of the Alexander Stewart, who is to direct the chorus of 400 in its rendition of "The Messiah," in the Auditorium Sunday night. Miss Juanita Miller will recite a poem which she has written and dedicated to the bell.

Members of the Citizens' Festival Committee, who will serve on the reception committee, are: John L. Lyon, president (chairman), George Cummings, J. J. Rosborough, A. E. Carter, A. S. Loveman, V. O. Lawrence, Rev. A. W. Palmer, Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, R. C. Bitterman, W. N. Jenkins, S. E. Biddle, J. R. Mansell, J. F. Smith, Dr. Minoru Kibbe, Louis Aber, A. Jonas, Wilbur Walker, Mrs. A. W. Foskay, Alexander Stewart, D. E. Graven and Miss Bessie J. Wood. Rosamond Meyers and F. Ward are assistants. Sheldon is arranging the details of the luncheon program.

Rain did not keep a good crowd from the auditorium of the First Congregational church to hear Redfern Mason lecture on "The Messiah" last night. Mason gave a critical talk on Handel's oratorio, it was illustrated with selections from the oratorio, sung by Zilphie Ruggles Jenkins, soprano; Elizabeth C. Morrison, contralto; Hugh J. Williams, tenor, and Henry L. Perry, bass, the soloists who will sing at the Sunday night festival. Walter Handel Thorley gave a short organ recital, and the audience participated in a responsive reading taken from the text of "The Messiah."

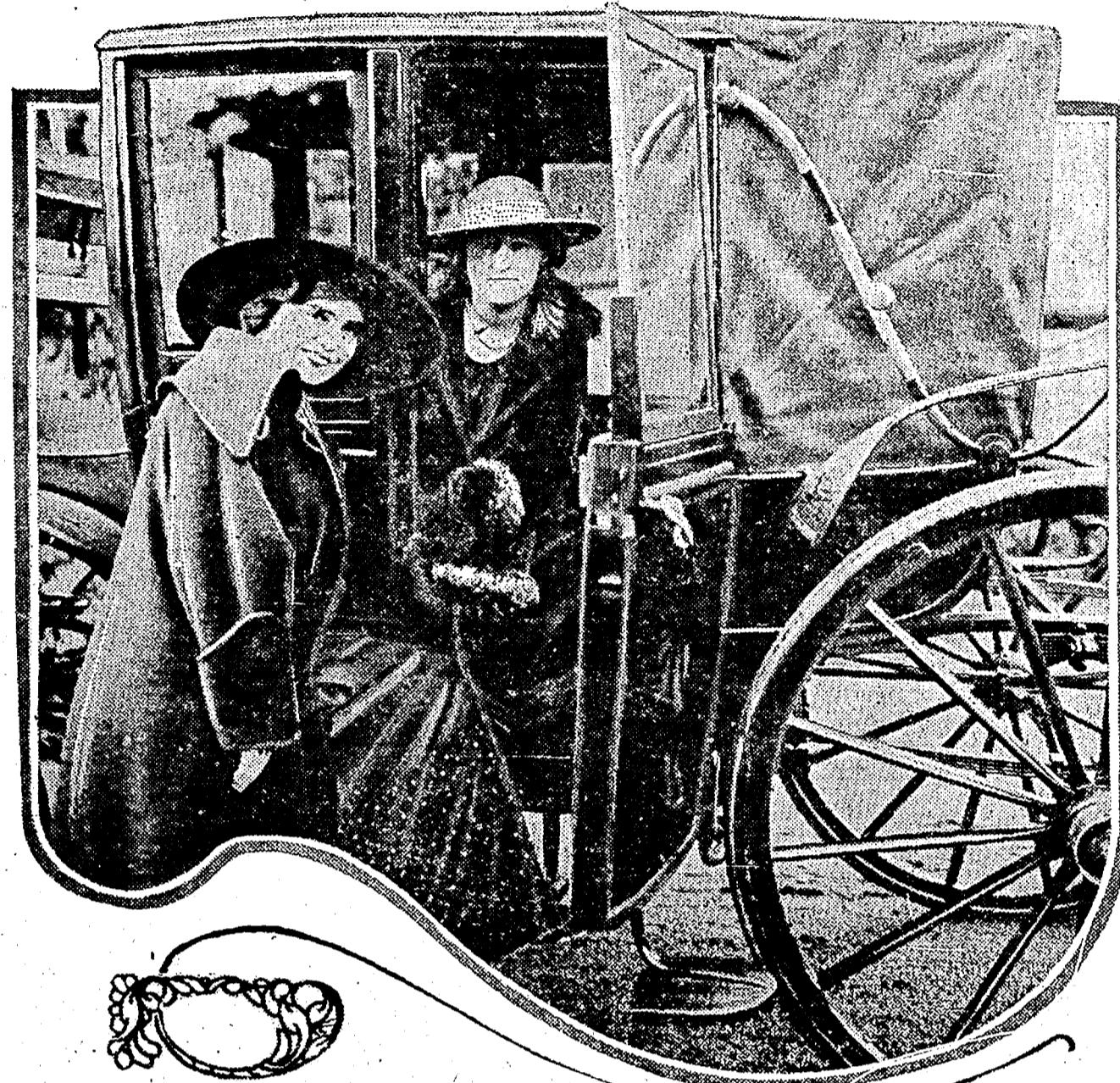
MAY INSURE RELIC.

Lloyd's, the famous English indemnity concern, may not insure the world's oldest Christian bell.

The head officers of the company, situated in London, Eng., will decide whether or not the corporation will "take a chance." W. B. Brandt, San Francisco

agent, is arranging the details of the insurance program.

City's Past Will Be Contrasted With Present in New Year Fete



MISS ALLIE FLASHMAN (LEFT) AND MISS BETSY FEELY CARROLL IN THE ANCIENT LANDAU IN WHICH TWO PRESIDENTS HAVE RIDDEN. THE VEHICLE WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION PARADE.

SLEUTH CHECKS BOARD MEETINGS

Detective, on Stand in the McKeever Trial, Tells of Investigations.

The testimony of Detective Ed Swanson occupied the attention of the jury today in the trial of Miss Genevieve McKeever, accused by the district attorney of malfeasance in office. Swanson, under the examination of District Attorney Hynes, detailed his many visits to the Hall of Records for the purposes of checking off the attendance of the members of the Board of Education.

It is the testimony of Swanson that will determine the case for the prosecution. Hynes has yet to offer into evidence the record books of the board, showing the results of the investigations, which are the basis of the present case.

The lobby today showed a smaller attendance, especially of women. The defense has already won a decided advantage in the rulings of Superior Judge Frank B. Osgood. The court has already hinted at possible instructions to the jury which are not hostile to the defendant, and on several occasions has supported the position of the attorneys for Miss McKeever in relation to the admissibility of evidence and the interpretation of its effect on the case.

It is probable that the trial will occupy the balance of the week.

Representative of Lloyd's, today cabled the London office, asking if the \$10,000 insurance offered by the Citizens' Festival Committee shall be underwritten by the company.

Brandt two days ago refused to consider the matter of insuring the bell, which its owner, Frank A. Miller, of Riverside, values at \$10,000, declaring that his company would not consider insuring the sentimental value of the bell.

The city itself that night will be on fire for the merry making which is to officially usher in the New Year. On the City Hall, huge scintillators will make the giant shaft a column of light visible in all parts of the bay

Splendid Pageant Will Welcome 1917

Interesting bits of early Oakland life will pass in review in the big progress parade which is to be the feature of the outdoor New Year's celebration, which takes place next Saturday evening under the auspices of the Merchants' Exchange and the various civic, commercial and fraternal organizations of the city.

The parade is designed as a New Year's demonstration and will show aspects of Oakland's past which even old-timers have forgotten. The first street car, the first wagon used in the first sewing machine, the first automobile, these will appear in the line of march, headed by the historic old landau of Mrs. Smith, which carried President McKinley in 1901, driven by August Carson, who handled the reins at that time.

Chris McNamara, who acted as coachman on that occasion, will again occupy the box. The equipage will be guarded by the tallest policeman in Oakland.

TO RECALL PAST.

Among the other old-time exhibits which will appear in the progress parade is the first fire engine which did duty in the city; the oldest living volunteer fireman; the first Oakland fireman; costume and iron hat; Oakland's first street sweeper; the earliest baker; the oldest butcher and the earliest type of automobile.

To symbolize the coming of 1917 each exhibit will be paired with one of the latest modern type.

The parade will form at Fifteenth and Washington streets and pass over the downtown streets as far south as Eighth street, will be headed by Mayor John L. Davie, who will lead the grand march.

Well known film stars who are living in the bay district will attend in person. Special music will be prepared and an elaborate scheme of holiday decorations prepared for the affair, which is designed as a colorful pageant of riotous merriment. During the ball, a peace pageant, in which the various nations of the world will be portrayed by beautiful young women, will be staged.

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THREE SUSPECTS HELD AS THIEVES

Police Have Number-Changing Gang, Believed by Detectives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—With the arrest this morning of a gang of three alleged automobile thieves, the police believe they have in custody the men responsible for the changing of numbers and the disposal of stolen machines in San Francisco covering a considerable period of time.

district. Bands at various important downtown points will supply concert music. A special concert will be given in the City Hall Plaza.

Flags and holidays greens are being hung about the city streets in anticipation of the event. Special decorations have been offered by the railroad companies to bring out-of-town residents to Oakland for the night to take part in the big celebration.

The feature of the evening is the grand ball at the Oakland Auditorium. This affair, which is to be a democratic assembly, will be officially opened by Mayor Davie, who will lead the grand march.

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CAMPAIGN IS PLANNED FOR POSTOFFICE

Draft of Bill Prepared by Secretary McAdoo to Appropriate \$1,000,000 for This City Is Published First Time

Action Doubtful on the Floor of House; Local Committee Is Named to Advise Congressman Elston of Needs

Bill Is Prepared
Authorizes Purchase
A BILL

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that so much of the public building act, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 869) as authorized the enlargement, extension, remodeling, rebuilding, reconstruction or improvement of the United States postoffice and custom house at Oakland, California, be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to contract for the acquisition by purchase, condemnation or otherwise of a new site, and for the erection and completion thereon of a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, mechanical equipment and approaches, complete, together with such mail handling apparatus, and so forth, as he may deem advisable, for the use and accommodation of the postoffice and other governmental offices at Oakland, California, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.

And that the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed upon the completion and occupancy of said new building, to sell the present public building, to the site thereof in Oakland, California, at such time, in such manner and upon such terms as he may deem advisable, to convey such property to the purchaser aforesaid, by quit-claim deed, and to deposit the proceeds of said sale in the treasury of the United States as a miscellaneous receipt.

land's phenomenal growth, resulting in the recommendations that the present property be disposed of, a new location obtained and the appropriation increased to \$1,000,000.

APPOINT COMMITTEE.

The sale of the present site, which the secretary recommends upon the completion of the new building, would reimburse the treasury in an amount that would lessen the total cost of the new building and site to a figure not far in excess of the appropriation.

Postmaster Rosborough brought the matter before the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening and a special committee, consisting of Rosborough and

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POTATOES TO BE SCARCE; CROPS SHORT

Tubers and Turkeys to Be the Expensive Parts of Big New Year's Dinner; Dealers Foresee Many Sharp Increases

Produce Men Have Difficulty in Keeping in Stock; Holiday Birds Are in Heavy Demand; With But Few Coming in

New Year's dinners are likely to be lacking in turkeys and potatoes January 1, 1917, if predictions of produce dealers and a notable scarcity in the poultry market may be taken as indications of the higher cost of living. Wholesale dealers today were authority for the statements that tubers of all varieties were on the eve of a distinct advance in price, which might eventually reach 10 per cent higher than present quotations.

Scarcity at the growing grounds and an abnormal demand have brought about conditions in the potato market according to produce men, which call for advanced prices.

Turkeys were few and far between today, and produce men said the entire poultry market suffered from small supply. Although quotations for dressed birds remained at the holiday figures of \$0 to 21 cents, wholesale, few birds remained in the market on which these prices might be placed. Following the upward tendency, all classes of poultry remained high, figures, New Year's turkeys being the most expensive, but small and inferior. News from San Francisco was to the effect that turkeys were selling there for 85 cents in the wholesale market, which required a 40-cent retail figure in the retail markets and butcher shops. Oakland rotisseries were selling turkeys for 35 cents. Indications are present which lead dealers to believe that the short ago may continue.

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A Year of Cheer; Mother's Calendar; Robert Louis Stevenson Calendar; Oakland Civic League Calendar.

Priced from 25¢ to 50¢ each.

LINE A DAY DIARIES—These contain space for complete comparative record for five years. Various sizes and leathers are to be had.

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Hundreds of Brand New Models at Exceptionally Low Prices. We do not care to mention former prices on our entire stock of Suits, Coats and Dresses for fear of their being taken as misleading. Suffice it to say that the proportion of reduction is even greater than in former seasons and the chances of exceptional bargains much increased.

SUITS AT THREE PRICES—\$14.85, \$24.75, \$38.75.

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An extra sales force is employed this week.

Ready-to-Wear Section—Second Floor.

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SPORT PAGE

"O well," said Walt McCredie, "If he leaks too badly here, perhaps a trade can then be made with Del for Pitcher Beer."

PORTLAND TO GET TWO A. L. PLAYERS

Cleveland Will Send Beavers Firstbaseman and Pitcher; Cal Ewing in "Dutch."

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Walter McCredie, manager of the Beavers, intimated last night that he would land a first baseman from the Cleveland American League Club before many weeks pass. The Indians now have four on their payroll for next season. They are Louis Guisto, "Chic" Gandil, Miller and Harris.

Ewing knows Guisto and also Gandil. The latter is veteran who originally pastime with Sacramento in the Coast League. Miller hit .344 with Omaha in the Western League, last season, playing in 100 games. He is at bat 500 times, scoring 119 runs and making 200 hits. His total bases mark is 230, and succeeded in attaining 20 bases. The Indians' new players will be in the Southern Class A organizations, one class lower than this great Western circuit.

McCREDIE LIKES MILLER. McCredie, in his 10th year as manager, is young, he says, in a young fellow like Miller. He is too, but Boss Walter does not know his pedigree.

To farm one of the champs out to Portland, McCredie has to go to the Indians on them. A player heralded as was Louis Guisto would hardly run the gauntlet.

"Chic" Gandil's legs are going back on him, the manager a youngster. He might run through the Indians, but he is not liked that Lee Fohl will hit him so, as he must return one seasoned veteran in case the youngsters all blow up.

It is interesting that if Portland gets a guardian for its initial corner from Cleveland it will be either Miller or Harris. According to their last two records, either one of these boys would locate well in the 1917 representatives of this fair city.

LEAKE MAY COME WEST. The McCredies are dickerling for a pitcher, probably to be signed, who belongs to the Rocky Mountains, in the Virginia League. The Richmond club grabbed him in the middle of last year. That club finished last in that cellar, but Mr. Leake, 10-10, last year, has been invited to the pelat at a .266 clip. The year before Leake won 14 and lost 8 for Rocky Mount and hit .293. Walter McCredie is in high hopes, though, Leake will be a good buy, giving some of the coast baseball writers an opportunity for a lot of fun if he lands here.

Cal Ewing, owner of the Oakland club, who is not an American, but who is in Chicago about ten days ago, is either a diplomat or else his wife is badly crossed. While in Cleveland, he gave an interview to the press that Leake, which reads in part, as follows:

"Guisto, the big Italian first baseman, will never be a big leaguer if he lives to be a million."

Mr. Ewing goes on to say that it makes no difference to the Cleveland club what Ewing thinks. Guisto is going East next spring for another trial and will be given every opportunity to make good.

Fans to Pull for "Doc" White as Pilot

Providing that negotiations with the Doc White club are completed, Doc White's work with said club will be watched closely by hundreds of the local fans next season to see what the former Tiger pilot does with the team, although released by Ed Mauer from the management of the club, hundreds of fans are not satisfied that Doc was not a success.

The average fan White made good with the Tigers. He took a club that was in last place after losing its manager and in less than four months brought it up to the top. The real alone was enough to stamp White as a good leader even though he lacks the driving qualities that are prominent in a number of the great managers of the game.

Doc isn't a driver—that is, he isn't a type of a leader that Frank Chance or McGraw, McGraw—but he has his own brand of leadership, and the team, although released by Ed Mauer from the management of the club, hundreds of fans are not satisfied that Doc was not a success.

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White gets the work out of his players. Not by driving, but he gets it out of them. The secret is, he knows when to hold the ball; no one will dispute that, and he knows a ball player when he sees him—so why shouldn't he make a good manager?

Ducks Are Scattered by Present Storm

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—It suffices to say that the present storm will tend to scatter the ducks in this section and make better shooting for the unattached hunter. Quail continue scarce in this section, and the same may be said of birds as given a merry chase for a few birds.

Deer are reported plentiful in superior condition, and indications point to another good season next year. The Fish and Game Commission already has made arrangements for feeding both quail and deer, should the necessity arise this winter.

Reports received from the game warden this week follow:

Murphy: Quail scarce and stick to hills. Deer and deer signs numerous. Wild boars plentiful. Few gray squirrels, this winter.

Greenback: There appear to be more quail, mountain and valley, in Hornbrook and Klamath sections than last year.

McShane: Deer in good condition here. Trucker: Ducks and geese very scarce. Ponds and feeding grounds are frozen.

New Year's Day Golf at Sequoyah

The tournament committee of the Sequoyah Country Club has announced conditions for the New Year's Day golf, the qualifying round of which will start Saturday. A special prize will be given for the lowest net score in the qualifying round.

The first and second rounds of handicap matches will play off Sunday afternoon in flights of sixteen. The semi-finals and the finals are scheduled for New Year's Day.

Flight 1 in the first round starts before noon with defaults entered at 4 o'clock. Flight 2 in the second round must start before 3 o'clock, with defaults entered at 3 o'clock. Flight 3 in the third round starts before noon with defaults entered at 2 o'clock. The finals start at 2 o'clock, with defaults entered at 3 o'clock. Entries will be received at 3 o'clock.

A similar three-day tournament will be conducted at Claremont.

Vallejo Loses Big Navy Football Star

VALLEJO, Dec. 28.—The football season in Vallejo will close next Sunday afternoon, with the All-Valejos and the Olympic Club eleven of San Francisco meet at the Cyclodrome for the purpose of deciding the club champion ship of the year.

Manager Donald of the Olympic Club has written to Manager Stevens announcing that the rooting section of the Olympics will accompany the two teams to the Cyclodrome, and the visitors will bring all kinds of money with them to wager on the contest, but the Olympic Club, but it will be given a great surprise.

The All-Valejos are in the pink of condition and each member of the team is prepared to do his part to bring the championship to this city.

Freddy Welsh to Meet Kilbane Little Fellows in Big Bout



JOHNNY KILBANE, featherweight champion, who will go out of his class to meet Freddie Welsh.

FREDDIE WELSH, lightweight king, who will find another world's champion in the same ring with himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Two forces, distinctly friendly to each other, began today to get down to business in regard to a match between Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, and Freddie Welsh, the lightweight king, who are promised to meet in New York to find out just what Harry Pollok, Welsh's manager, wants for a bout with Kilbane, and Ed McManus, Kilbane's manager, for a bout with Welsh.

McManus offered Welsh a purse of \$1,000.

The addition of George Hjelte, former star of the Oakland Y. M. C. A. team, has boosted the basketball team's chances of making the playoffs.

They will be in the final four.

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CHILDREN cared for any time, with or without board. Blue Bird Nursery, 681 17th st.; ph. Oakland 4884.

CHILDREN over 8 to board; private home; near school; best refs; terms \$15 month. 976 60th st.

EXPER. French lady will board infants or children; mother's care; terms reasonable. 1140 Webster st.; phone Berkeley 3785.

FIRST-CLASS board and care for 1 or 2 children by widow lady. 830 E. 18th st.

FLYING-TELE. French mother's care. 6121 Foothill blvd.; phone Webster 3003.

WANTED-Children to board; best mother's care; terms mod. Merritt 1750.

FLATS TO LET—UNFURNISHED.

—SUNNY corner upper and lower flat; excellent condition; all conveniences; reasonable rent. S. E. 18th and Grove sts.; phone Oakland 3943.

A SUNNY, convenient, newly-tinted flat of 5 rooms and bath; only \$25; 5252 Telegraph, near Idora and Key Route; to see this is to rent it.

A 1/2-ROOM sun. flat; wash dist.; nr. trains; 1520 18th av.; 318 Lester; Merr. 3205.

A CHOICE, mod. 6-rm. apt. flat; K. R. S. P. 1225 21st, near San Pablo.

CLEAN, sun. mod. con. flat 5 rooms, \$15. 1101 14th st.; cor. Chestnut.

FLAT 3 rooms, bath; gas, elec.; \$16. 961 14th st.; key 970 14th.

NICE, sunny flat 4 rooms; gas and elec.; convenient to all cars; only \$12; water, free; also 3-rm. rear cottage, \$7; water, free; 1/2-rm. upper, 1609 Hearst ave.; phone Berkeley 8331.

BUNNY, upper 5-room flat on Oakland av.; perfect cond.; choice locality; \$25; lower flat; \$25. Oakland 2936.

SUNNY, mod. 6-rm. upper; 5-rm. lower flats; 2 blks. K. R. 512-514 E. 16th st.

FUNNY, mod. 4-rm. bungalow; 3 min. to Pled. K. R. 22 Montel st.; Pled. car.

UPPER and lower flat 5 rooms each; electricity, water and gas, \$12.50 and \$15. 1821 Grove st.

YOU WON'T BE ALONE.

Am. 1/2-rm. mod. bath; hwd. firs.; 20th floor; 10th floor; 12th floor; Key there.

1/2-ROOMS and bath; upper; \$15; 6 rooms and bath; lower; modern; electric; free; good location; large lot. 2225 and 2237 35th av. Phone Webster 157-W.

17.00-UPPER 6-room flat on E. 17th st.; near 5th ave.; close to car lines and Key Route. B. H. Welch & Co., 14th and E. 15th st.

18. Up-to-date flat 5 rooms, just renovated; all schools, cars; cor. 20th and 11th ave.

20. 5-RM. upper; 6-7th; \$17. 4-rm. lower, 477 24th; \$11. 5-rm. upper; 1354 10th st.

\$10-2 ROOMS and bath also 3 and 4 rooms with bath. 719 Oak st.; phone Belmont 3812.

10-5-RM. mod. lower flat; nr. cars. 2612 Buena Vista; ph. Alameda 219.

\$25-LARGE modern newly renovated flat. 784 5th st.

FLATS TO LET—FURNISHED.

—AAA—MOD. conv. well-furn. flat; train service; piano; good location. Lakeside 200.

A MOD. 4-rm. and bath upper flat; hwd. firs.; finely furn.; very ren.; 27th st.; this. Phone mornings, Merr. 2131.

A CLEAN, nicely furnished sunny apt.; all conv.; 3 rooms; 1st floor of Edwy; nr. 22nd st. K. R. 2350 Waverley 6317.

A NICELY furnished sunny 5-room flat; 1st floor; 102 Myrtle st.; near 12th.

ELEG. furn. 3 and 7-rm. flat; nr. K. R.; piano, ph. 3313 Howe st.; ph. 7457.

MOD. 4-room furn. flat; very sunny; close in. 6th 27th st.

NICELY furn. mod. 4-rm. and sleeping porch; garage; near Claremont and College Key Route. Ph. Berkeley 2615.

NICELY furn. 5-rm. upper flat; modern; \$20. 1070 60th st.; San Pablo car.

NICELY furnished 5-room flat, newly renovated. 2003 Linden.

TWO 5-rm. nicely furn. sunny flat. 1003 Campbell st.; West Oakland.

5-ROOM lower flat, comp. furn. for 6 weeks; great bargain. Pled. 2816-J.

\$11-4-4 RM. flat. 1383 8th also bung; apt.; exchange part services. Piedmont 2668.

8-ROOM flat, also single room. 545 18th street.

HOUSES TO LET—UNFURNISHED.

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NEW modern home; Trebil Glen dist.; hwd. firs. furnace, garage; fine view; car; new Lakeshore tract. Lake 200.

A SUNNY 5-rm. cottage, bath; \$16. 2317 Fibert st. Enquire 2916, nr. 24th.

BUNGALOW 6 rms., bath; nr. K. R. 4239 Gilbert st., nr. Ridgeway; open from 10 to 4; after 6 p. m. phone Lakeside 2855.

BUNGALOWS and houses for rent. Melrose Heights, near S. P. local and street car line. Ph. Fruitvale 44-3.

COFFAGE 6 rms., bath; elec. large yard. 9677 C. st. nr. Jones. Elm. Ph. Pled. 3774.

FOR RENT—Cottage-bungalow of 4 rms. and bath; gas kitchen, garden; all mod. conveniences; handy to S. P. and K. R.; \$17. water free. Box 4749, Tribune.

HOUSE 7 rooms; bath; partly furn.; water free; \$20. 5079 Telegraph ave.

MODERN BUNGALOW \$30.00

1144 OAKLAND AVENUE

210 THOMSON BUILDING

MOD. 4-rm. cottage, overlooking lake; garage. 411 Newton st.; Merritt 3833.

MOD. 5-rm. bungalow. 3768 Webster; key 3772. Phone Oak. 3981.

MOD. 6-rm. cottage; clean; all conv.; adults; rent refs. Phone Merritt 1663.

ROOMING-HOUSE at Sather station, 1st floor; 10th and 11th ave.; 10th floor; 10 per month. Chas. H. Taylor, 1521 Bidwell.

52ND ST. 630-5 rms., s. p. ch.; mod.; nearly new; hds. doors; excellent condition; lawn flowers; Shattuck ave. 34 blk. K. R. 3 blks.; \$30; with garage \$35; open 4 days; except Sat. Farrel, Y. M. C. A., Lakeside 1205.

5-RM. rear cottage; s. p. bath; \$10. incl. water and elec. 3011 Division, nr. E. 8th.

\$16.00—NEAT cottage, 5 rooms, bath and laundry; near Broadway and 30th st. J. H. Macdonald & Co., 1601 Tel. ave.

4-ROOM cottage, bath; 1030 51st ave., \$10. Key 1517 Adelone; Oakland 7341.

16; COTTAGE 5 rooms; bath; 512 Jackson. Inquire 558 Williams st.

18; 6-ROOM, mod. bungalow. 2827 23d st.; near Fruitvale ave. ph. Elmhurst 816.

6-RM. mod. house; rent reasonable. Phone Oakland 2661.

6-RM. modern house, s. p. ch.; near Lake Merritt; \$25; water free. 1244 3d av.

10. SUNNY room for hskpg. or home; cor. 49th and 18th st. Lakeside 4706.

21. INC. water mod. cottage 5 rms., basement; nr. K. R. chs. 931 35th st.

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A 6-ROOM house, sleeping porch, at 2704 Colusa; comp. furn.; garage; lawn; charged for \$30 month; from Jan. 1 to June 1.

AAA—NOD, desirable bungalow, suitable for 2 to 4 adults; wall beds, library, garden; nr. car lines. K. R. 5028 Dover st.

A—NICELY furn. 8-rm. house; Lakeside dist.; large yd. gardens; 50. Oak. 2632.

CEMENT bungalow, nicely furnished; no children; \$35. 458 55th st.

COZY 6-room flat, well furnished. Apply at once, 914 Castro.

FURN. cottage 4 to 6 rooms; gas, elec., yard, sun. See W. J. Daly, 1324 E. 14th.

MOD. 5-rm. bung.; nr. K. R. 152 blocks from Tel. 454 Rose st.; ph. Pied. 3256W.

NICELY furn. or unfurn. 6-rm. cottage, \$25 or \$30. 511 64th st.; Shattuck and Telegraph. Piedmont 2616-J.

NICELY 2-rm. rear bung. close in; near car. Phone Oakland 2717.

PIEDMONT home 6 rooms, completely furn.; \$30 per month. Pled. 6802-W.

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BOULEVARD lot for sale or exchange for auto. A. Cereley, 1217 Broadway.

\$20 PER front foot; lot 27x100 ft., on 61st ave., 1 block from 14th st. cars; all street work complete; easy terms. B. J. Welch & Co., 6th ave. and E. 18th st.

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PERCY AND FERDIE---Rah! Rah! Bennie's Home From College



DOCK AND DECK

SUN, MOON, TIDE

The Alaska Packers' ship Star of Zion, came off the San Pablo drydock on the 25th, and is now bound for California, via the plate at the Santa Fe dock. The Zen-land was cleaned and painted and when she has her new plate will be back to the Alaskan dock in East Oakland harbor. This is the third vessel of the Packers to load an Alaska cargo this winter. One of the end loaded tons of salmon were taken from the San Pablo, Oakland, and two loaded in plate, which is used in making the cans for salmon caught in Alaska. At the present rate all canning stores will be used to tranship salmon instead of San Francisco and San Francisco.

The ferry steamer San Pablo has been brought to the Union Iron Works, Oakland harbor, for general repairs, and dry docking. The San Pablo is owned by the Santa Fe railroad and used to transport coal between Point Richmond and San Francisco.

MOTOR SCHOONER IS BACK FROM TRIP. The motor schooner Sierra of the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. of East Oakland is at the shipyard of the Union Iron Works, Oakland, after her first voyage, as she was built in Grays Harbor and took a cargo of 1,200,000 feet of lumber south to San Francisco.

The steamship Humboldt is due today at Seattle from Alaska. After discharging her northern freight, she will load a cargo for this port and will come to the Seattle Steel drydock for her annual overhauling.

Lighthouse tender Cedar was launched today at the California shipbuilding plant of Long Beach, California, for the United States government. She is built of steel and is 200 feet long, with a beam of 30 feet, 1,800 horsepower, and a single screw, cost \$250,000. She will be used in Alaskan waters during the summer months. Mrs. Florence Cook was sponsor.

CHANGES MADE IN MASTERS OF VESSELS. The following masters in United States custom house: Captain Alex McKay, steamer Admiral Goodrich; Captain J. H. Beck, launch Dora; Captain E. H. F. Farnsworth, steamer S. C. Bain; Captain G. M. Fournier, steamer Apache; Captain A. Hill, launch Crowle; No. 12.

CHARTERS OF VESSELS WEEK ENDING DEC. 25.

Capt. Norwegian steamer, building lumber from Columbia River to Chile (prompt); by Comyn, Mackay & Co.

Nelson, Chilean bark, 1217 tons lumber, Puget Sound to Sydney, Newcastle, or London, Jonzon, Mackay & Co. (March-April 1917).

Panico, American steamer (new) has been laid on the berth for Hayman and Chittenden (charter, January loading); by Williams, Dindom & Co.

Seaborn, M. S. (building at Seattle), lumber from Columbia River to Chile (prompt); by Comyn, Mackay & Co.

Wilbert L. Smith, American schooner, 710 tons, lumber from Puget Sound to Callao, \$29 (December); by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. (prompt).

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Wilbert L. Smith, American schooner, 1052 tons, lumber from Puget Sound to Durban and Delagoa bay; by Octave Lunder Co.

Yankee, Chilean bark, 1515 tons, lumber from Puget Sound to West Coast, South American ports; by Hill, Ralph & Co.

Northland, American steamer, 817 tons, lumber from Grays Harbor to Pavta, Peru; by E. S. Slade Lumber Co.

S. Christensen, American schooner, 570 tons, lumber from Seattle to Cape Town; by Hafslor, Guthrie & Co.

Ukpa Maru No. 3, Japanese steamer, 2633 tons, lumber from Puget Sound to Bombay; by Mitsui & Co.

LEGAL NOTICES

DIVIDEND NOTICE

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS SAVINGS BANK OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

FRANKLIN AT FOURTEENTH STREET. For the half year ending December 31, 1916, dividends to depositors (payable on and after Tuesday, January 2, 1917) have been declared at the following rates per annum:

4 PER CENT ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.

3 PER CENT ON SPECIAL ORDINARY ACCOUNTS (SUBJECT TO CHECK).

Dividends not called for will be added to the account and will earn interest at the rate of 3 per cent, the principal from January 1, 1917.

GEORGE S. MEREDITH, Cashier.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF AMERICAN COIN REGISTER COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the American Coin Register Company will be held at the office of said corporation, No. 1055 Hollis street, Encino, Alameda County, California, on the 16th day of January, 1917, at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., for the sale, for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before said meeting. The stock transfer books of said corporation will be closed on January 1, 1917, and remain closed until the hour of 5 o'clock P. M. of January 15, 1917.

(Signed) PHILIP DIBERT, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

BANK OF ITALY.

Southwest, San Francisco and Clay streets, San Francisco; Junction Market, Turk and Mason streets, San Francisco.

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The annual meeting of The Ladies Relief Society will be held on Thursday, January 4, 1917, at The Ladies Relief Society (in the Children's Home), 292 Fifth street, at ten o'clock A. M.

HELEN CAMPBELL, Corresponding Secretary, Ladies' Relief Society.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the FIRST SAVINGS BANK OF OAKLAND, will be held at the office of the corporation, southeast corner of Market and San Pablo avenue, Oakland, California, Thursday, January 2, 1917, at the hour of 11 A. M.

G. D. JACOBY, Secretary.

NEWS OF THE PORTS

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Steamer Carla

Caribou, from San Francisco, New York.

Archibald from San Francisco, New York.

St. L. W. S. W. from San Francisco, New York.

Submarine, U-10, from San Francisco.

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New Trials Ordered Upon Two Convictions**James P. Dunne Dies in Doctor's Office**

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—On the ground that instructions to the jury had been erroneous the Oregon Supreme Court has set aside the verdicts against William Branson and Mrs. Anna Booth, convicted separately in Yamhill county on charges of having slain the woman's husband, William Booth, October 8, 1915. An additional trial for the reversal in Mrs. Booth's case the Supreme Court held that error had been committed in the introduction of evidence. New trials were ordered.

Booth was found dead on the bank of a river and after the tragedy witnesses testified that they had seen Branson and Mrs. Booth in that vicinity. The theory of the prosecution was that Booth discovered the two at a clandestine meeting and that Branson killed Booth.

**To the New Owners of VICTROLAS**

we extend a cordial invitation to avail themselves of **Our Victor Record Service**

We have devoted almost the entire first floor to the proper demonstration of Victor Records—the Demonstration Rooms are glass-partitioned, sound-proof and perfectly ventilated—*Comfort Always*. Not only do we maintain a

Complete Stock of Victor Records but our corps of demonstrators will gladly play any Record without any obligation on your part to purchase. They will advise regarding your selection of Records—being thoroughly familiar with all the Victor Records from the popular dance numbers to the most beautiful operatic selections.

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**4 Per Cent Savings Dividend
Central Savings Bank of Oakland**

has declared a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent per annum for the half year ending December 31, 1916, on all savings deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Tuesday, January 2, 1917.

Dividends not called for are added to and bear the same rate of interest as the principal, from January 1, 1917.

Deposits made on or before January 10, 1917, will draw interest from January 1, 1917.

CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK OF OAKLAND
H. C. SAGEHORN, Cashier.

BILL THE EFFULGENT WILL BATTLE DEVIL ON BROADWAY**Beware, Mr. Satan, There's Trouble Ahead for Your Demonship.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Powerful forces, both sinister and benign, are lining up here today for the case of Billy Sunday versus Broadway, Wall Street, Bohemia, et al., which goes on trial April 1.

What sort of reception Sunday and his old-time shouting Methodist camp meeting style will get in the world's gayest, richest, wickedest, most material city is the subject of much speculation among the residents. He will be the biggest attraction the Old Town has seen for years, and it is predicted that great mobs will literally fight to get near his giant tabernacle.

It will be a battle royal; and preparations are being made accordingly. Billy and Broadway have been sparingly for posterity for several years, and now, at last, the evangelist is coming to fight the devil in his own home town.

Broadway, as Broadway, seems to have paid little heed to Sunday's plans. But scratch the surface and you find that what Cyclone Davis calls the "boys of booze and boodle" are not asleep.

BILLY IS READY.

The belligerent Billy, though busy with Boston, is watching carefully every move in his preliminary campaign here. Already a small army of Sundayites are organizing the Big Town. On January 14 a brigade of

Nothing is being left undone to pave the way for Sunday's triumphant

degradation, from which uptown respectability distills pure gold.

The home of the gunman with his regular scale of murder prices and of the painted lady who drives her limousine and pocketed her income in six figures. All these and more are here for Sunday to deal with.

Hoover Rode Heaver, Sunday's choir director, expects to organize a double choir of 8,000 to 10,000 voices.

George G. Dowie will lead the trail blazers from Philadelphia and elsewhere, some of them having been converted seven years ago. These will be used to prove that Sunday's conversions are not "flash in the pan."

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"Billy Sunday, Incorporated," with John D. Rockefeller Jr., is one of the principal stockholders, is officially in existence in New York City. Plans for the erection of the mammoth tabernacle, the great pine and sawdust

advance upon New York; nor, on the other hand, is anything left undone to circumvent his effort.

NATIONAL BANK ASSETS ARE BIG

Increase in Resources in the Past Two Years Is Four Billions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Resources of national banks of the United States, controller Williams announced last night, have increased more than \$4,000,000,000 during the last two years and now aggregate \$15,520,000,000, exceeding by about \$1,000,000,000 the total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the German Reichsbank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of The Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, the Swiss National Bank and the Imperial Bank of Japan combined.

In a statement based upon returns from the last bank call, November 17, the controller called attention to the fact that the increase has been at the rate of approximately 15 per cent a year during the last two years, as compared with 6 per cent a year for the previous period from 1904 to 1914, and that the total resources are at present, though doubtless what they were ten years ago.

The greatest percentage of increase, the controller states, during the two-year period in which the Federal Reserve system has been in operation was in the western states, geographically, the increase was as follows:

New England, 22 per cent; Eastern States, 39 per cent; Southern States, 32 per cent; Middle Western States, 51 per cent; Western States, 50 per cent; Pacific States, 33 per cent.

Between September 12 and November 17 (last two bank call dates) resources of the national banks of New England and Eastern States increased \$444,000,000. The increase in the same period for the West and South for the same period was \$64,000,000. The percentage of increase in the New England States was 3.36; Eastern States, 4.41; Southern States, 16.98; Middle Western States, 5.71; Western States, 11.75; Pacific States, 7.87.

Attorneys Lose Appeal; Are Held in Contempt

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Theodore A. Bell and George Leznitsky, attorneys for the legal right to escape punishment for contempt, of which they were adjudged guilty last month by Superior Judge George A. Sturtevant, Bell must pay a fine of \$10 or serve five days in the county jail and Leznitsky must pay \$24 or suffer the same confinement. The State Supreme Court decided against the attorneys, who had appealed from the judgment of Judge Sturtevant.

Bell and Leznitsky got at cross purposes with Judge Sturtevant in connection with the Toby Finkenstein estate. A judgment quieting title to some realty of the estate prohibited certain litigants from further legal attack. An appeal was taken from this judgment, and this is still pending. Defying this injunction, Bell and Leznitsky, representing Arturo and Julia Wolf, filed new suits against the estate. The contempt proceedings followed.

The State Supreme Court was not unanimous in its decision upholding the verdict of Judge Sturtevant. The main opinion was written by Associate Justice S. L. Barnes and concurred in by Justices Shaw, H. C. Hawley and J. L. Loring. Chief Justice Appelotti and Justice Loring dissented. The Sloss opinion is that a prohibitory injunction cannot be stayed by appeal.

Circus Man Is Sued for Dog-Eating Native

STOCKTON, Dec. 28.—A civil complaint has been filed in the court of Justice A. C. Parker by H. L. Anfenger of Stockton against Al G. Barnes, nationally known circus owner. The action is to recover \$18,450, a Stockton man, a former Philippine constable, claims that the circus man owned him for the dog-eating proclivities of an Igorrote named Oban. The Igorrote arrived here today.

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**COATS SUITS
DRESSES**

At prices never equaled in Oakland. Gould, Sullivan & Co. are in a hurry to dispose of this stock so as to show Gould, Sullivan styles for Spring.

**Hundreds of Smart Coats**

Lot 1 "The Greater" sold these Coats at \$15.00. Now Gould, Sullivan & Co., desiring to close them out in a hurry, have reduced them to Five Dollars. Some are in tweeds, others mixtures; all in the latest flare or belted models.

Lot 2 "The Greater" sold these Coats at prices up to \$22.50. They consist of Check Wool Velours, Meltons and Plaids. Gould, Sullivan & Co. have made one price to cover the lot—for quick selling—viz: \$7.50.

Lot 3 "The Greater's" prices for these Coats were up to \$29.50. Pebble Cheviots, Broadcloths, Tweeds and Mixtures. Gould, Sullivan & Co.'s Disposal Sale Price is Ten Dollars.

Lot 4 "The Greater" sold these Coats as high as \$35.00. Now Gould, Sullivan & Company are closing them out at Fifteen Dollars. They comprise Wool Velours, Wool Plushes, Pebble Cheviots and Zibelines.

Lot 5 Here are Coats which "The Greater" sold up to \$50. High grade Wool Velours and Broadcloths, with large fur Collars—Gould, Sullivan & Co.'s Sale Price now is \$19.75

All of "The Greater's" Dresses

These Dresses at Twelve Dollars are a fine lot of Serges, Taffetas, Crepe de Chines and Charmeuse. "The Greater's" prices were up to \$35.00.

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Gould, Sullivan & Co. offer this lot of smart Dresses at Fifteen Dollars, although "The Greater" sold them up to \$40. The materials are Serges, Taffetas and Charmeuse.

Every Suit Sacrificed

Gould, Sullivan & Co. will close out every Suit in the house—none of The Greater's stock will be reserved.

Attractive Suits in Poplins and Serges, which The Greater sold at \$25.00 will be in this Sale at

\$10 Greater's Price \$25.

\$15 Sale Price \$15. Greater's Prices to \$65.

NOTE:—Owing to the unusual price reductions and the rush of business during this Sale of the Greater's stock, we find it impossible to send goods on approval or make exchanges. No goods charged and no refunds.

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